

ENGLAND'S WORLD CUP TEAM PICKED

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ARSENAL'S NEW STAR

West Ham's Paul Allen
heads away from
Nottingham Forest striker
Ian Wallace (yellow strip).

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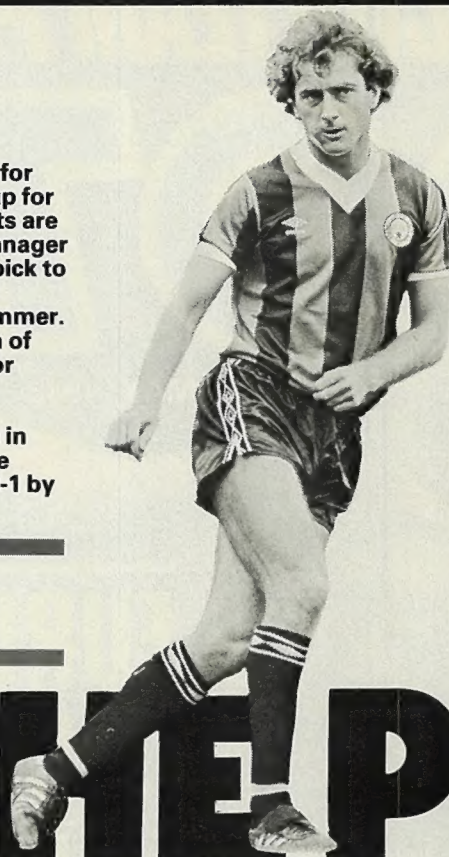
ESPAÑA 82

AS England prepare for their first World Cup for 12 years, arguments are raging about the men manager Ron Greenwood should pick to revive their international fortunes in Spain this summer.

A win in the first match of the competition is vital for morale. Defeat could be disastrous, as Scotland experienced in Argentina in 1978 when, against all the odds, they were beaten 3-1 by Peru.

● *Francis scores over Regis*

England's line-up against France, Bilbao, June 16 England's line-up



● *Hodde better than Wilkins*

In Bilbao, on June 16, England will take on France in their first World Cup Final match since losing to West Germany in the Quarter-Finals of the competition in Mexico in 1970.

SHOOT has quizzed some of the country's top professionals to find out who they would pick if they were in Ron Greenwood's shoes and the results are fascinating...

The vast majority of the players questioned said that Peter Shilton of Nottingham Forest should be given the goalkeeper's jersey in preference to Tottenham's Ray Clemence, who has had such a



THE PLAYERS'



LEE CHAPMAN
(Stoke City)

Clemence (Spurs)

Neal (Liverpool)
Martin (West Ham)
Thompson (Liverpool)
Sansom (Arsenal)

Coppell (Man. U.)
Hodde (Spurs)
Robson (Man. U.)
Devonshire (West Ham)

Keegan (Soton)
Francis (Man. City)

'Extra special Francis'

LEE CHAPMAN SAYS: "I've gone for Trevor Francis to lead the attack instead of Cyrille Regis because Francis is the more creative player."

It was a close decision as they are both fine strikers, but the City man has that little bit extra which will be vital against France and all the other countries England face.

"There's also very little difference between Ray Clemence and Peter Shilton, but I've chosen Ray because he'll be full of confidence after Spurs' successful season."



JOHN WILE
(WBA)

Clemence (Spurs)

Batson (WBA)
Osman (Ipswich)
Thompson (Liverpool)
Statham (WBA)

Coppell (Man. U.)
Wilkins (Man. U.)
Robson (Man. U.)
Brooking (West Ham)

Regis (WBA)
Keegan (Soton)

'Batson and Statham the best'

JOHN WILE SAYS: "Brendon Batson and Derek Statham are the best full-backs in the country and I can't understand how they haven't as yet been picked for senior England honours. We'll need pace at the back and you can't get much faster than them."

"Phil Thompson is my choice for the number five shirt ahead of players such as Steve Foster and Alvin Martin because he's had years of experience playing for Liverpool on the Continent and that will be vital."



JOHN HOLLINS
(Arsenal)

Shilton (Nottm. Forest)

Neal (Liverpool)
Martin (West Ham)
Roberts (Spurs)
Sansom (Arsenal)

Hodde (Spurs)
Robson (Man. U.)
Devonshire (West Ham)

Keegan (Soton)
Mariner (Ipswich)
Morley (A. Villa)

'Pick Graham Roberts'

JOHN HOLLINS SAYS: "England need someone who is aggressive and determined in the centre of defence and Graham Roberts fits the bill perfectly. Manager Ron Greenwood has tried quite a few men at the back and Roberts, if given the chance, could be the man he's looking for."

"In midfield Glenn Hodde gets my vote instead of Ray Wilkins of Manchester United because he's got that indefinable something that all World Cup stars have."



ERIC GATES
(Ipswich)

Shilton (Nottm. Forest)

Mills (Ipswich)
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Thompson (Liverpool)
Sansom (Arsenal)

Coppell (Man. U.)
Robson (Man. U.)
Brooking (West Ham)

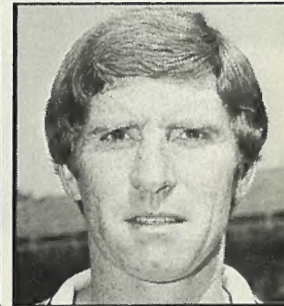
Regis (West Brom)
Keegan (Soton)
Mariner (Ipswich)

'Hodde too erratic'

ERIC GATES SAYS: "Peter Shilton gets in the goalkeeper's position in my side because nearly every time we've played Forest in recent years he has put on a brilliant show."

"When we've been together in England squads he's always impressed me as he's such a fanatical trainer."

"Trevor Brooking gets a place in midfield because Ray Wilkins of Manchester United doesn't do enough attacking and Spurs' Glenn Hodde is too erratic."



ALAN BALL
(Southampton)

Shilton (Nottm. Forest)

Anderson (Nottm. Forest)
Osman (Ipswich)
Thompson (Liverpool)
Sansom (Arsenal)

Hodde (Spurs)
Robson (Man. U.)
Devonshire (West Ham)

Keegan (Soton)
Regis (WBA)
Morley (A. Villa)

'Devonshire for Coppell'

ALAN BALL SAYS: "Tottenham's midfield genius Glenn Hodde has to be in my team because I believe he's the best player in the country and could really make a name for himself in Spain if he plays to his full potential."

"I know manager Ron Greenwood has said that Steve Coppell of Manchester United is the first name he pencils in for a match, but I would prefer to see West Ham United's Alan Devonshire, who does the same sort of job as Coppell, in the side."

successful season with the North London club.

Nottingham Forest's Viv Anderson and Arsenal's Kenny Sansom were the popular choices for the full-back positions as many players noted that their speed and attacking flair would be vital against the fast moving Continental and South American sides.

Phil Thompson's experience of European football with Liverpool was one of the main reasons why many of the players picked him for one of the central defensive roles. Other names put forward to partner him at the back were Alvin Martin, Russell Osman and Terry Butcher.

Surprisingly, not one player picked Brighton's Steve Foster, who recently made his international debut against Northern Ireland at Wembley.

● Shilton not Clemence

Bryan Robson was a unanimous choice while Glenn Hoddle got a majority decision over Ray Wilkins because of his attacking flair and eye for goals.

Like Robson, captain Kevin Keegan was chosen by every player. Trevor Francis just got the nod over Cyrille Regis because he was thought to be more creative than the powerful West Bromwich Albion striker.

Next week top Scottish players select the Scotland side they would like to see in Spain.



CHOICE



KEVIN BOND

(Man. City)

Shilton (Nottm. Forest)

Anderson (Nottm. Forest)

Robson (Man. U.)

Thompson (Liverpool)

Sansom (Arsenal)

Hoddle (Spurs)

Wilkins (Man. U.)

Brooking (West Ham)

Coppell (Man. U.)

Francis (Man. City)

Keegan (Soton)

'Robson Must defend'

KEVIN BOND SAYS: "I've put Manchester United's Bryan Robson at the back because a lot of sides in the World Cup Finals do not attack, as we do in Britain, by pumping high balls into the area; they play to the footballer's feet and when they do send in crosses it's usually from the bye-line."

"As a result of playing Robson at the back my midfield might lack a recognised ball-winner, but hopefully someone such as Coppell can drop into midfield to help out when necessary."



STEVE GATTING

(Brighton)

Shilton (Nottm. Forest)

Anderson (Nottm. Forest)

Osman (Ipswich)

Robson (Man. U.)

Sansom (Arsenal)

Hoddle (Spurs)

Wilkins (Man. U.)

Devonshire (West Ham)

Keegan (Soton)

Regis (WBA)

Morley (A. Villa)

'Sweep-up with Osman'

STEVE GATTING SAYS: "If England play a recognised centre-half in Spain then we'll be murdered."

"It's because of that fact that I have gone for Ipswich Town's Russell Osman and Bryan Robson of Manchester United at the heart of the defence."

"Osman operates as a sweeper at Ipswich, playing off Terry Butcher, and I've been impressed by Robson when he's played at the back for England."



JOHN GIDMAN

(Man. U.)

Shilton (Nottm. Forest)

Anderson (Nottm. Forest)

Osman (Ipswich)

Butcher (Ipswich)

Statham (WBA)

Wilkins (Man. U.)

Robson (Man. U.)

Coppell (Man. U.)

Keegan (Soton)

Francis (Man. City)

Morley (Aston Villa)

'Statham beats Sansom'

JOHN GIDMAN SAYS: "I've gone for Statham at left-back because he's a better defender than Arsenal's Kenny Sansom. They are both excellent going forward but I think the West Brom man has that little edge over his rival for the number three shirt when it comes to tackling back."

"Viv Anderson of Nottingham Forest gets the other full-back position as he's pretty nippy, has youth on his side which could be a telling factor in the Spanish sunshine, and is excellent at attacking."



BILLY BONDS

(West Ham)

Parkes (West Ham)

Neal (Liverpool)

Martin (West Ham)

Thompson (Liverpool)

Sansom (Arsenal)

Coppell (Man. U.)

Wilkins (Man. U.)

Robson (Man. U.)

Brooking (West Ham)

Keegan (Soton)

Francis (Man. City)

'Martin's so cool'

BILLY BOND SAYS: "I realise quite a few people think England will be hammered if they play a regular British-style centre-half and that's why I've included team-mate Alvin Martin in my line up. He's got tremendous qualities, such as fine ball control and the ability to remain cool when under pressure."

"I included Phil Parkes as I believe any of the top six goalkeepers in the country could do a job for England. He gets the nod as he's a good friend of mine!"



DAVE GEDDIS

(Aston Villa)

Shilton (Nottm. Forest)

Anderson (Nottm. Forest)

Butcher (Ipswich)

Thompson (Liverpool)

Sansom (Arsenal)

Hoddle (Spurs)

Robson (Man. U.)

Devonshire (West Ham)

Coppell (Man. U.)

Keegan (Soton)

Mariner (Ipswich)

'Mariner rarin' to go'

DAVE GEDDIS SAYS: "If Mariner is fit in time, then he should lead the attack."

"We'll need a good old-fashioned English centre-forward in Spain as many of the sides out there do not usually play against tough, aggressive forwards in their domestic competitions and this could be exploited by the talented Ipswich Town striker."

"Over the last two seasons he's perhaps got a bit stale but after his lay-off he'll be rarin' to go."

Don't blame Thomas

It is hard not to feel sympathy for Mickey Thomas in his failure to settle with Brighton.

He joined them for £350,000 six months ago in the hope of reviving a flagging career which had reached exciting heights with Manchester United and Wales only to fall away badly in a brief and unhappy spell at Everton.

The main cause of Thomas' unhappiness at Brighton has been the reluctance of his wife to vacate the family home in North Wales for a house on the South Coast.

Her decision not to uproot the family has resulted in the Welsh winger tending to live out of a suitcase, torn between a natural allegiance to his wife and his responsibilities to Brighton's manager Mike Bailey.

SHOOT, view!

Not surprisingly, his form has suffered an alarming decline, rarely scaling the levels Old Trafford's fans came to expect after he moved to United from Wrexham.

Whereas once he was an automatic choice for Wales, Mike England, the Welsh boss, is somewhat sceptical about picking him.

The whole sorry story came to a head last month when Thomas failed to turn up for Brighton's game at Notts County, the latest in a series of irresponsible acts on Thomas' part.

Mike Bailey promptly announced that Thomas could leave Brighton, the sooner the better. Brighton had tried everything to overcome the problems besetting the player.

The lesson to be learned from his transfer that turned sour is that clubs must be sure that a player's move is acceptable to all, including a wife, before plunging into a transfer.

CRY FOR 'ARGENTINA'

DONNING the famous blue and white striped shirts of World Cup holders Argentina has done little to help the prestige of West Midlands junior team Woodward Wanderers.

In their first season in the West Bromwich Under-16 League, the team has suffered 19 consecutive defeats, scored just four goals and conceded 433!

Their last game of the season brought little hope that things will improve as they crashed to a record 37-0 defeat. And, to rub salt into their own wounds, Wanderers missed a first-half penalty.

BLOODBATH WARNING



THE World Cup could turn into a bloodbath unless FIFA serve warnings on players and national team managers that bad behaviour will be severely punished.

In particular, the world football's governing body should instruct referees to clamp down on the players known as "hit-men" whose sole task is to cripple star players.

The warning comes from Stan Cullis, former Wolves and Birmingham manager and one of British

football's most respected ambassadors.

Cullis (left) says FIFA should heed concern expressed by Cesar Menotti, Argentina's manager, who believes that the European nations might resort to violent conduct in their efforts to clinch the trophy.

Cullis does not agree with Menotti's specific objection to possible European tactics, but says: "It would be foolish to ignore these warnings of a threat to a healthy and acceptable standard of behaviour in Spain."

"In 1966 arrangements for the 30 top foreign referees were inadequate, while poor communication and a lack of overall understanding between referees and linesmen were shocking."

"If Menotti's lamentations have done nothing else they have demonstrated that the climate for this World Cup has an undercurrent of fear."

UNDER FIRE!

EVERTON'S Welsh international defender Kevin Ratcliffe has brought an insight into one of the problems which could face those countries playing Spain in this summer's World Cup.

Ratcliffe gained his tenth consecutive cap for Wales in their 1-1 draw against Spain in Valencia a few weeks ago and the excitable atmosphere of the game will stick in his memory for some time.

"The crowd threw everything at us, bottles, cans, tomatoes and oranges," Ratcliffe recalls. "Fortunately, no one was hit but it could have been nasty."

LEICESTER CITY have discovered a novel way of spreading the Filbert Street gospel to the youngsters of Leicester. They take to the road. The Leicester City Road-show will visit any Leicester school which cares to invite them.

JOB HUNTER ROYLE

FORMER England striker Joe Royle could start next season as the manager of a League club.

He is now available for offers after quitting the game on doctor's orders with a serious knee injury.

Royle's ambition is to join the growing squad of bright young managers who are gaining respect with their deeds at lower levels of the game.

His sudden announcement is a sad blow to Norwich, but the 33-year-old former Everton, Manchester City, Bristol City and England striker offers vast experience to any club hoping to secure his services at management level.

Royle bows out of the League as a player with the sad lament: "Doctors have told me that my dicky knee will not stand up to the rigours of professional soccer."

"It's a terrible way to end 17 years in the game."

Watch this space for news of Joe Royle. His playing career is over — but he's far from finished.



NEWS DESK

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No more cash for Regis

WHEN Cyrille Regis made his England debut against Northern Ireland in February the TV commentator announced to the watching millions that his first club, Hayes, would receive a further £5,000.

It was suggested Hayes, who transferred Cyrille to West Brom for £5,000, inserted such a clause in the original deal.

"That's nonsense," declares Hayes manager Roy Ruffell.

"No such deal was made and the club is suffering as a result."

"We're going after players and being asked for money. Clubs think Hayes have received another £5,000 from West Brom."

"What we have done is to write and ask Ronnie Allen to send a team to play at Hayes."

England's latest goalscoring sensation hasn't forgotten his roots and still keeps in contact with his old club.

Carry on collecting

TO help you build up your collection of 427 stickers, we have included another eight stickers for your Panini ESPANA '82 album with this issue.

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Good collecting...

Peter Stewart

EDITOR

ARSENAL POISED FOR WOODCOCK

TONY WOODCOCK could wear an Arsenal shirt next season after two-and-a-half seasons with German club Cologne.

His contract expires this summer, and although the Bundesliga club have offered him new terms, he is likely to return to the Football League.

Arsenal and Liverpool have been interested in signing the England striker for several months. Woodcock's hat-trick for Cologne against

Bayer Leverkusen last month boosted their interest.

But Arsenal are likely to get their man to complete their signings for next season. Vladimir Petrovic, the Yugoslav World Cup star, is joining them for £450,000.



Briefly

● Fourth Division Northampton Town have announced a loss of £54,606 for last year.

● The smallest player in senior Scottish football, Bobby McCulley, who stands 5' 4", has joined Ayr United from East Stirling for a fee of £8,000. Midfielder McCulley, 29, was Shire's longest-serving player, having joined them eight seasons ago.

● Football is doing more and more for disabled fans. For example, Barnsley have built a splendid new enclosure, and the Grimsby Town Handicapped Supporters' Club continues to flourish in an almost unique way. Grimsby take a coach-load of handicapped supporters to nearly every away game even though trips to London rarely return them to Humberside until the early hours of Sunday morning.

● The Northern Irish F.A. have been fined £800 for incidents in last season's World Cup match with Portugal at Windsor Park.

Norwegian referee Svein Inge had to hold up play twice in the second-half because hooligans threw bottles and coins at the Portuguese goal.

● Derby County have signed central defender John McAlle from Sheffield United for £12,000. The Baseball Ground club have had the former Wolves player on loan for the last two months.

■ Leeds United, battling for their First Division lives, have lined up two end of season tours. They have agreed to play two games in Honduras, leaving Leeds on May 23.

On their way home they will take part in a four match tournament in Badajoz, featuring Real Zaragoza from Spain, the Yugoslavian side Radnicki and host club Badajoz.

'You're wrong' Moore warns

Encourage skill! The flair that made Pele world famous is what Bobby Moore demands of today's youngsters.



BOBBY Moore condemns managers and coaches for their obsession with method and tactics since he led England to victory in the World Cup 16 years ago.

Young players could be suffering from an overdose of tactical jargon in their formative years, he claims.

Moore's outburst comes with the start of the World Cup only a few weeks away. He calls for a national drive to instill the basic, simple skills into our junior footballers of all levels.

The former England and West Ham captain is backing his statement by making skill, fun and flair the prerogatives of his soccer schools scheme that has now received the backing of the biscuit giant McVitie's.

They are to sponsor Moore's schools to the tune of £25,000 this summer.

"In a World Cup year, it is very pleasing to me to get this kind of backing for my style of youth soccer coaching," he says. "It is primarily all about the development and encouragement of individual skills."

Children aged between eight and 16 will attend the schools in July and August. Cost per player is £33.

Spend big, advises Hill

DESPITE all the recent adverse criticism, big transfers can be justified.

This is the considered opinion of Jimmy Hill, managing director of Coventry City, and Malcolm Struel, chairman of Swansea City, two of the men responsible for allocating the expenditure.

Hill argues that big fees generate excitement. "After all," his says, "the traditional way of running a football club was to give the fans a couple of new faces every year, and the same principle still applies.

"But the important point these days is that you don't spend what you haven't got. Yet if money is going to the tax man, who already gets enough out of football through the pools, then I would rather see it spent and filter through the game to become the lifeblood of other clubs."

DAVID CARLISLE, an 18-year-old goalkeeper with WBA, has surprised a lot of people with his progress.

Schoolteachers told him not to go into football, while his dad always thought he would become a cricketer!



● It takes a big man to say sorry. Graham Taylor walks tall in Watford after apologising to fans for accusing them of lacking passion.

The Watford boss carried his "I'm sorry" placard across Vicarage Road before the Second Division club's game against Crystal Palace.

My placard for Graham bears two words: "Bravely done".

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'DON'T COMPARE ME WITH BRADY'

"HE'S our most important player. You could call him the brains of our side. He's tactically very aware, and he always seems to find space to organise our attacks. What's more, his medium-range shooting is excellent, and he's really dangerous from about 20 metres."

That's Yugoslavia's World Cup boss Miljan Miljanic describing Vladimir Petrovic who, after a transfer deal totalling £450,000, will be heading for Arsenal via the World Cup Finals in Spain.

"I think we could be the surprise team in Spain," says Petrovic.

"We haven't set ourselves any particular target, but I feel we could be capable of reaching the Final. At the moment our minds are full of the World Cup, and it's difficult to think about what awaits me at Arsenal afterwards."

"But I hope the supporters are pleased with me, and that they don't compare me too closely with Liam Brady."

'Adapting'

"My game is to find space up front, and I'm on the move all the time, so I don't think I'll have too many problems in adapting to the British style of game."

The Red Star Belgrade skipper was recently voted Footballer of the Year by both the Yugoslav sportswriters and by his fellow professionals.

As you probably know, the Yugoslav authorities refuse to allow their top stars to emigrate until they're 28, and Petrovic reaches the magic figure this year. The Gunners obtained his signa-

ture despite rivalry from Italian and West German clubs, who've been keeping an eye on Red Star's recent performances in European competitions.

Petrovic has collected more than 30 caps with Yugoslavia, and it's interesting to note that he actually made two appearances for his country in the 1974 World Cup Finals in West Germany.

He initially came on as substitute for Petkovic in a Second Round match against Poland, and then held his place for Yugoslavia's final game against Sweden.

"Unfortunately," he recalls with a wry grin, "we lost both games."

And if Vladimir Petrovic is regarded by the Yugoslavs as a model professional, his domestic life could hardly be more peaceful.

"There are two things I especially like doing in my spare time," he admits.

"One is playing with my two daughters, and the other is spending time with my pigeons in the garden. I'm so fascinated by them that the lads have nicknamed me 'Pigeon'!"

When the new season kicks off we'll all be waiting to see how the Pigeon gets on with The Gunners.

asks Arsenal's new Red Star Vladimir Petrovic



Liam Brady is still the idol of the Arsenal fans.

'TEAM-MATES MUST HELP HIM ADAPT'

SOUTHAMPTON full-back Ivan Golac, who played against Petrovic when he was with Red Star's Belgrade rivals Partizan, has just one reservation about The Gunner-to-be.

"The only question mark against Petrovic is whether he will be strong enough for the English First Division," says Golac.

He is not weak, but he is a touch player, not a strong player like Talbot or Nicholas.

"The English game may be a little too physical for him, but despite that I feel that he should be able to adapt."



says Ivan Golac

"Much will depend on the players around him and how quickly he can settle."

"Many great Yugoslav players have left home and not been the same players in other countries."

"It is two completely different games you are talking about when you talk of Yugoslav football and football in other countries."

"But if the other players help Petrovic and he settles to life in England, he should be able to adapt."

"No one can doubt his class. He is very skilful and his vision is tremendous."

"If Arsenal succeed in getting him to play as he can at his best and they also buy a good striker, they could be a strong team next season."

"You could see eight years ago that Petrovic was going to become a world class footballer."

"His knowledge of the game is very high and he is not afraid of working, too."

"He is a most talented player and, with Graham Rix, he can add a lot of skill to Arsenal's midfield."

"Arsenal have been criticised for lack of entertainment, but I believe that with a player of Vladimir's quality in their team they could soon win back the missing fans."

'OUR FAULT IF WE LOSE CHAMPIONSHIP'

LIVERPOOL would now be a racing certainty to win the Championship if only we hadn't lost so many home games. And I put the blame mainly on the Anfield pitch.

So bumpy, and covered in blotches of sand, it's made it difficult for us to play in the style that's already taken us to a record 12 Championships.

'Swansea already this season's success story'

We need a pitch almost as green and level as a billiards table for a game based on quick, accurate passing.

The ball has bobbed so much it's allowed the opposition to clear their lines and hit us on the break.

Losing possession at unexpected times allowed the likes of Southampton and Brighton to win at Anfield.

The extra point for a win has been a factor in making this season's title race the most exciting for years.

I must admit that there was a time in December when we trailed in 12th position and began to wonder whether we'd be among the front-runners at the end.

But then we struck a winning run that sent us leap-frogging up the table.

No Complacency

Although we're now in pole position, with points in hand, there's no complacency in the Liverpool camp. We have a healthy respect for our rivals and we're not banking on them making mistakes and falling by the wayside.

It's up to us to win our remaining games.

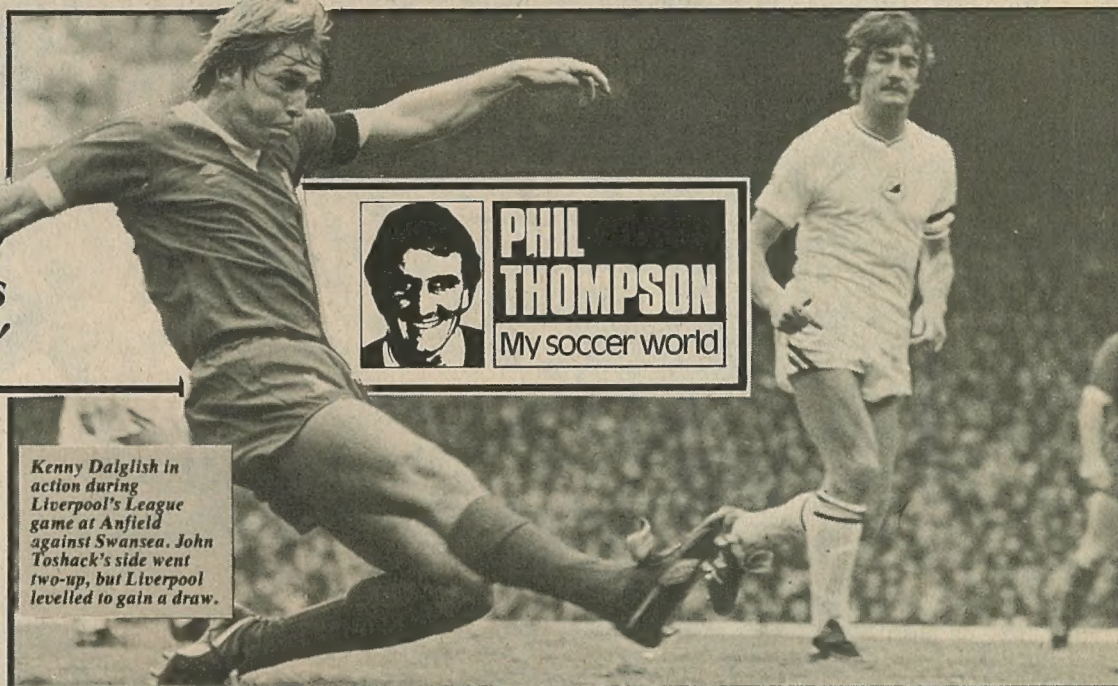
If we miss out on the Championship, it'll be our own fault.

Among the four other contenders, Ipswich are our biggest threat, lying second and enjoying a winning spell. They've recovered from a bad patch when they were without the services of key players and like us have only the one target to aim for.

Last season they missed out on the Championship through being involved in too many competitions — including the UEFA Cup, which they won — and not having a big enough squad of experienced players.

Fortunately for us, we don't have to meet them during the run-in. By all accounts they're playing better than when we beat them in the League — and when we knocked them out of the League Cup.

Spurs really made us sit up and



Kenny Dalglish in action during Liverpool's League game at Anfield against Swansea. John Toshack's side went two-up, but Liverpool levelled to gain a draw.

take notice when they beat Arsenal 3-1 at Highbury on Easter Monday, but they slipped up in their next couple of games.

Spurs' problem is lack of experience in going for several objectives at once, something we at Liverpool have been doing since the 60's.

Among the title-chasers, Spurs are the only club due to play two of the others, ourselves and Ipswich Town, and this must count against them.

I've a feeling they'll have to be content with beating Q.P.R. at Wembley and keeping hold of the F.A. Cup.

A big boost for Northern football

is the return of Manchester United as potential Champions. It hurts me to say it, but United are still the most glamorous club in the country despite not having won as much as Liverpool.

Their big problem is simple, as a glance at the League table shows — they've scored around 20 goals less than us!

In our 1-0 win over them at Old Trafford in April, they were all hurry and scurry — bodies moving quicker than their wits — and if only they'd slowed down they might have levelled.

With their favourable run-in, United must be taken seriously.

Swansea are also a big threat. Even if they fail on the last lap — and it's up to us to see they do just that — they are still the success story of the season.

My old team-mate John Toshack deserves a medal all to himself for pushing for our game's top honour after bringing his club up from the Fourth to the First Division in such a short space of time.

There's no one with a greater will to win than John. Sorry to disappoint him — but the best he can hope for is second place behind us!

Not only has the introduction of three points for a win stimulated the top end of the table, it's made things even more exciting at the bottom end, where clubs are battling against the dreaded drop.

One of the relegation-threatened is Birmingham City, who we play this Saturday at St. Andrews, where we've never found the going easy.

Now managed by Ron Saunders, they'll be full of fighting spirit.

Match them in that respect and our superior skill will get us the right result!

On Tuesday we play Arsenal at Highbury. The Gunners are aiming to finish high enough to qualify for a UEFA Cup place next season, so we're in for another gruelling 90 minutes.

It's all pressure — but that's nothing new to the Super Reds!

'Ipswich our biggest threat'



Paul Mariner heads home the first goal in Ipswich's 2-0 win against Stoke in April. That victory kept his club in the title race.

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FIFA Firsts

When was FIFA founded, who were the first members, and how many are there now?

OLIVER NWACHUKWU,
NIGERIA

● FIFA (Federation of International Football Associations) was founded in Paris on 21st May, 1904, Oliver, by the national Football Associations of France, Belgium, Denmark, Holland, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland. There are now, at the latest count, 152 member-nations.

Pele's goals

When, and against whom, did Pele score his first, 100th, 500th, and 1,000th first-class goal?

MOSES SEFA,
GHANA

● All were scored for Santos, Moses — the first being against Corinthians on 7th September, 1956.

The hundredth came against Commercial on 31st July, 1958; and the five hundredth against Botafogo on 5th September, 1962.

Pele hit home number 1,000 from the penalty-spot against Vasco de Gama on 18th November, 1969.

Dutch drama

What was the quickest penalty ever awarded in a major international Cup Final?

CHRIS SPRAY,
NEW ZEALAND

● Shouldn't think one's come much quicker than that which English referee Jack Taylor gave in the 1974 World Cup Final in Munich, Chris.

Not a single West German player had touched the ball between the Dutch kick-off and the moment that Johan Cruyff, spurring into the penalty-area, was brought down by Uli Hoess.

The home fans were shocked into stunned silence as Johan Neeskens coolly sent 'keeper Sepp Maier the wrong way to give Holland the lead — later wiped out by Paul Breitner (another penalty) and Gerd Muller to make the Cup safe for West Germany.



Johan Neeskens scores from the penalty spot for Holland against West Germany in the early stages of the 1974 World Cup Final.

Sir Stanley Matthews

When did the great Sir Stanley Matthews play his first, and last, League match?

NICHOLAS CURTIS,
WISBECH

● His first League game for Stoke, Nicholas, was in March, 1932 at the age of just 17.

His last, also for Stoke, was at Fulham on 6th February, 1965 — five days after his 50th birthday. That was Sir Stan's 701st peacetime League game — a total which, but for the long Wartime break in normal football, would have been pushing the thousand mark.



Stanley Matthews

Spot-on Lee

Who's scored the most Football League penalties in a season?

PAUL BRANDRETT,
HARPENDEN

● 27-cap former England star Francis Lee holds that record, Paul. He scored 13 times from the spot for Manchester City in the First Division in 1971-72 — plus another one apiece in both the F.A. Cup and League Cup.

SHORT PASSES

● Liverpool have played in one or other of the "Big Three" Euro competitions every season since 1964-65.

(PIOTR DEREZINSKI, Poland)

● Record F.A. Cup Final victory is Bury 6, Derby County 0 (1903); followed by Blackburn Rovers 6, Sheffield Wednesday 1 (1890).

(ALISTAIR SMITH, Carlisle)

● Record Fourth Division gate is 37,774 (Palace v. Millwall; 31st March, 1961).

(RICHARD MCGEOUGH, Basingstoke)

Short Passes are replies to readers' letters.

YOU ARE THE REF

compiled by Keith Hackett



1

During play you look towards your linesman expecting an offside signal. However, he is bent over looking at the ground. The player in possession goes on to score, although you suspect he was offside. Do you: (a) award a goal, or (b) check with your linesman?

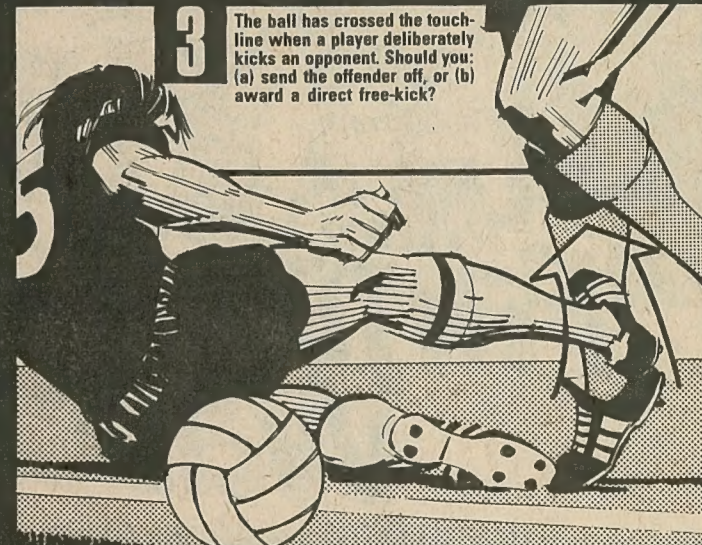
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A free-kick strikes you on the back and rebounds straight to the kicker, who plays the ball again. Do you: (a) allow play to continue, or (b) award an indirect free-kick?



3

The ball has crossed the touch-line when a player deliberately kicks an opponent. Should you: (a) send the offender off, or (b) award a direct free-kick?



MATCH POINT

The awarding of a direct free-kick can cause a number of problems for the referee. Basically, there are nine offences for which a direct free-kick can be awarded, and if the opportunity to take it quickly arises, you should always try to allow the players to do so. But sometimes this is impossible, simply because the very nature of the original offence may require a caution. If the kick is close to the penalty-area, you should stand over the ball and tell the kicker not to take it until you have blown your whistle. You must also make sure the defenders are ten yards away. You and your linesman should then position yourselves so that one of you is directly in line with the last defender in order to spot offside, while the other should be on the goal-line to see if the ball crosses the line.

ANSWERS

1. Check with your linesman (b). This situation arose during the game between Enfield and Maidstone in the Alliance Premier League when I was ref recently. 3. Send the player off (a). The game should be restarted with a throw-in. 2. Award an indirect free-kick (b). This was quickly dealt with. 2. An embarrassing situation, but one man's flag came off the stick. It was ham v Spurs game when the lines-between Enfield and Maidstone in the Alliance Premier League when I was ref recently. 3. Send the player off (a). The game should be restarted with a throw-in. 2. Award an indirect free-kick (b). This was quickly dealt with.

Gloves With Stopping Power



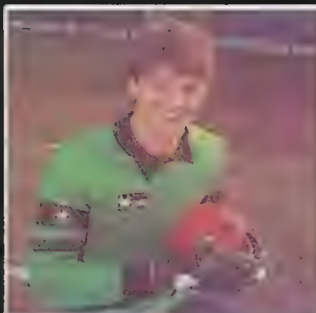
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Rummenigge (white shirt) tests
Italian full-back Cabrini.



EUROPEAN Footballer of the Year in 1980 and 1981. Runner-up to Kevin Keegan in 1979. European Champion with Bayern Munich in 1976. Bundesliga Champion in 1980 and 1981. European Champion with the West German national team in 1980. Highest scorer in the Bundesliga last season, and second-highest scorer in the history of Bayern Munich behind the legendary Gerd Müller.

That's the impressive visiting card of Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, the greatest left-flank striker to hit the European scene for many years.

Born on September 25th 1955, Rummenigge began his career with local side Borussia Lippstadt, and got his big break when Bayern Munich manager Dettmar Cramer signed him for £12,000 in 1974.

The young blond striker found himself overawed in the presence of team-mates like Beckenbauer, Müller and Maier in the European Champions' line-up, and had to wait two years to nail down a regular first-team place.

Even then the speedy left-flanker found success elusive in a side that struggled after the departures of Beckenbauer, Müller, Hoeness and Maier.

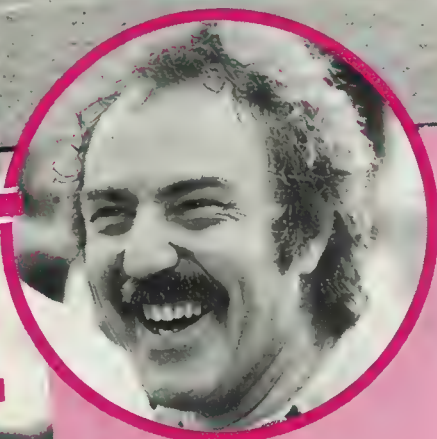
But with the arrival of Paul Brietner, Rummenigge's full range of talents suddenly blossomed.

Sprinting out of midfield and cutting in from the left, he started hitting goal after goal, and setting up even more for team-mates both at Bayern and in the national team.

Rummenigge himself admits that national team manager Helmut Schön helped a great deal in his development into a star player, but, ironically, Schön's successor Jupp Derwall has been the man to collect the fruits.

Unsensational under Schön in the 1978 World Cup, Rummenigge has already slammed nine goals during the 1982 qualifiers and looks all set to be one of the big stars in Spain.

The most famous father and son in soccer. That's Manchester City manager John Bond and Manchester City player Kevin Bond.



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RON Atkinson nearly choked on a tough rump steak sandwich at the very suggestion that he could go out tomorrow and spend another million pounds on a player. "It's about time we started producing some of our own, costing nothing," growled Manchester United's manager, cursing the waitress who brought him a lump of choice gristle.

The establishment of a productive nursery of talent drawn from the best footballing youngsters living on housing estates either side of the Manchester Ship Canal is one of Ron Atkinson's most cherished ambitions in the 11th month of his reign at Old Trafford.

"It was necessary for me to buy Frank Stapleton and Bryan Robson for large transfer fees, but even a club as big as United can't go on spending such sums forever," admits Atkinson.

That is why big Ron and his hard-working staff are showing more than casual interest in the lads who kick patched-up footballs

around the city's rubbish strewn re-development sites or flog themselves in local Leagues on Saturday afternoons and before the pubs open on Sunday mornings.

His dream is that a George Best, Gary Bailey or Scott McGarvey could be lurking in the shadows of a house awaiting the bulldozer's arrival.

No potential First Division player should escape the dragnet Atkinson is throwing across the Northern city and other parts of



boys kicking a ball around the street after school than there were in my young days.

"Homework and television seem to dominate their lives in those crucial hours after tea. The only interest that conflicted with my football as a schoolkid was 'Dick Barton' on the wireless."

Manchester United and other League clubs must forge a closer relationship with schools, insists Atkinson. "Some people blame teachers for being bad coaches. I keep telling them that it is our job to produce a First Division player, not a schoolmaster's."

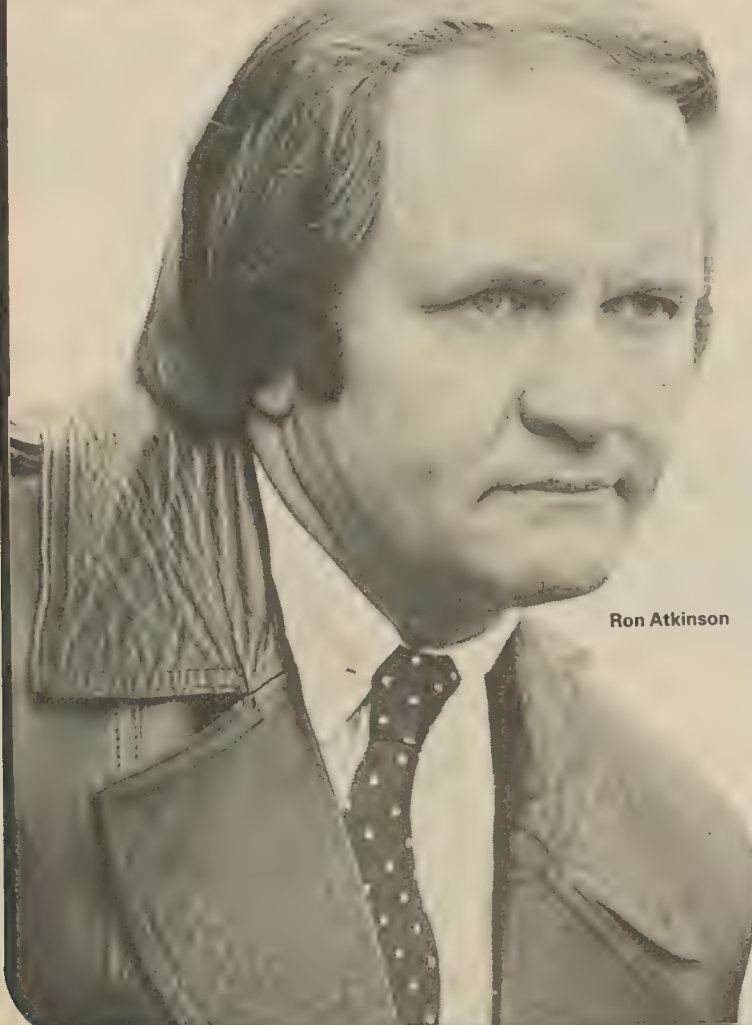
There are clear indications that Atkinson's drive for young players is bearing fruit. Manchester United have reached the F.A. Youth Cup Final for the first time since winning the trophy in 1964.

From that side who meet Watford in this season's Final could emerge one, maybe two players, good enough to grace Old Trafford in five years time.

"We've made a start, now it's up

Manchester United plan to...

FIND ANOTHER GEORGE BEST



Ron Atkinson

the country in his search for tomorrow's Old Trafford stars.

He is realistically aware that the four managers who succeeded Matt Busby, Wilf McGuinness, Frank O'Farrell, Tommy Docherty and Dave Sexton, never enjoyed the same success in producing local talent as the man who fostered the "Busby Babes". Ron Atkinson, manager number five, hopes to change all that.

He points out significantly that the drying up of local recruits coincided with Manchester United's loss of momentum in European and in League and Cup games. They have won only one European competition, the European Cup 14 years ago, and have not clinched a Championship for 15 years.

Hopefuls

United's conveyor belt fairly bristled with young hopefuls when Matt Busby's youngsters won the F.A. Youth Cup for five consecutive years from 1953.

Bobby Charlton and Duncan Edwards flourished in that nursery; George Best was the best of the youngsters to emerge a decade later; but in recent years supplies have dwindled with new Scotland cap Arthur Albiston and Gary Bailey the most notable homebred products.

Ron Atkinson is under no illusions about the size of the task ahead. He has strengthened United's fading Irish connection by the appointment of Mervyn Brown as chief scout in Belfast — he takes over from the legendary Bob Bishop, the man who discovered George Best — and is employing scouts to comb England, Scotland, Wales and the Republic of Ireland with equal thoroughness.

"It's becoming increasingly difficult to find the right lads," confesses Atkinson. "I'm not allowed to approach a youngster until he's 14 and there are fewer



Arthur Albiston is one of the few home produced players in the current United side.

to the kids to show me they can play as well as your Stapletons and Robsons."

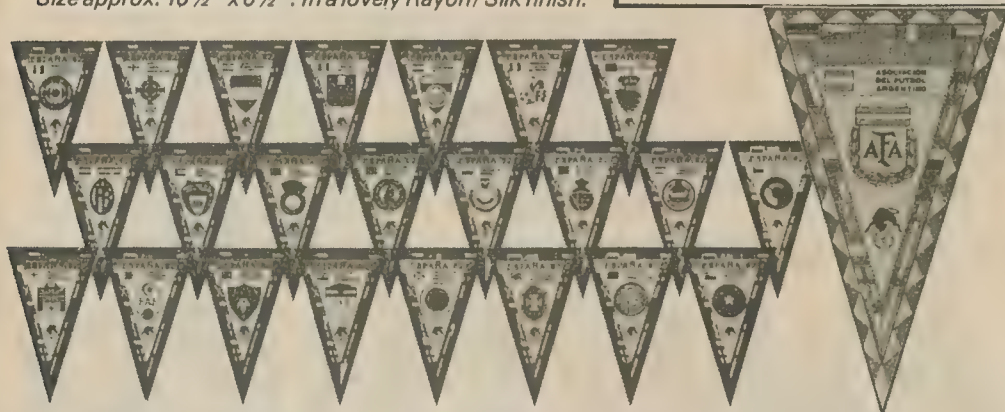
Sir Matt Busby, now President will be the first to recognise Ron Atkinson's initiative if some local kid with a mop of jet black hair, dazzling footwork, and a following rivalling that of the Pope, emerges to have Manchester United's fans dancing in the streets in a year or two.

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FOOTBALL swap shop! "With the state of the game as it is these days, it has to be one obvious answer when a manager needs to freshen his side," says Wales striker Ian Walsh — exchanged for fellow international David Giles in a straight Crystal Palace-Swansea City switch.

Walsh is now at the Vetch Field while busy midfielder Giles is at Selhurst Park. Not a penny

and hoisted The Swans to top spot in the First Division.

At Selhurst Park, Giles also stormed back to the form which made him one of Britain's most exciting prospects two years ago. His style gave Palace a boost after wallowing near the foot of the Second Division table.

"The move was exactly what I needed," says Giles. "I had to get away from Swansea. The last 18 months had been bitterly disappointing for me there and everything had gone stale. I needed a fresh start and Palace is just the place.

Ian Walsh\ David Giles stars of

changed hands. Both players and managers are happy and neither set of directors have been left wondering about how to finance a transfer deal.

"Of course, the trick is for the respective managers to decide that the players involved are of equal merit," says Walsh.

Like so much else in worthwhile football this season, it was Swansea manager John Toshack who had a hand in this sensible trading.

And Walsh did not waste any time responding to the change in clubs. In his first full match he scored the winner against Wolves

Ian Walsh, on his Swansea debut as sub, harries Arsenal's Graham Rix as the Welsh side cruised to a 2-0 win.

SOCCER'S SWAP SHOP

"This club is just a couple of players short of being a very good side.

"Once everything is sorted out, there is no question in my mind

that we will be heading for the First Division once again.

"In so many ways, it is just like Swansea when we started our climb out of the Third. I aim to play my part in helping it to happen all over again at Palace."

Walsh has almost identical views. "I had gone stale at Palace. Like David, it was time to go and begin all over again. I've had an injury or two this season and it was difficult to get going again in a side not playing well.

'Motivation'

"To now find myself at a club on the crest of a wave and sharing a dressing room with players living with success day by day has lifted my entire approach. I've got a lot of work to do — and I've got the motivation there now to set about it.

"Coming home to South Wales is an extra bonus. The confidence that had gone at Palace is back in full measure now."

Giles had the bigger adjustment to make. "With Cardiff City, Wrexham and then Swansea, I had been with three familiar clubs in homely towns. Joining Palace and

moving to London is a very different scene.

"It took me a few games to settle in. But once I had got over that, I felt all the old excitement pumping through my game. And it was marvellous to be called back into the Wales squad for our international against Spain in Valencia and then come on as substitute.

'Refreshed'

"Not that I'm satisfied with that! I want to be there as of right . . . not called in because someone else is injured. And then to be in the team straight off rather just being an optional extra. Joining Palace has refreshed all my ambitions."

By a neat irony, Palace were prepared to pay a reported £700,000 for Giles two years ago after he had helped destroy England in that famous 4-1 win at Wrexham. "I now get my leg pulled about joining Palace in a straight swap," he says, "but it helps to know that I'm at a club where I've always been wanted."

Walsh is also delighted with his new employers. "I scored my first goal for Wales when I made my debut against Eire at the Vetch Field. I scored two more goals there against Scotland last season and I also scored against Swansea for Palace in an F.A. Cup tie the season before last.

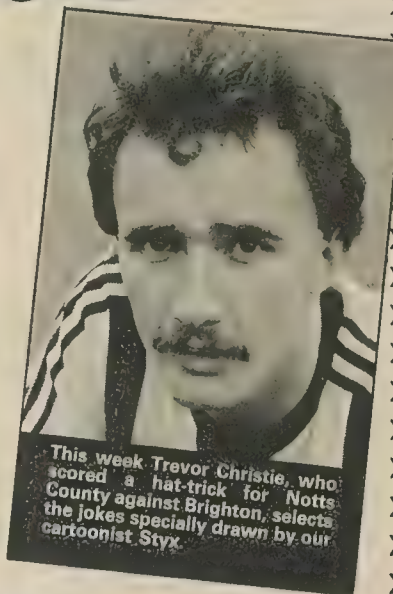
"So the Vetch Field has always been a happy hunting ground for me. Now I intend to keep it going with a vengeance!"



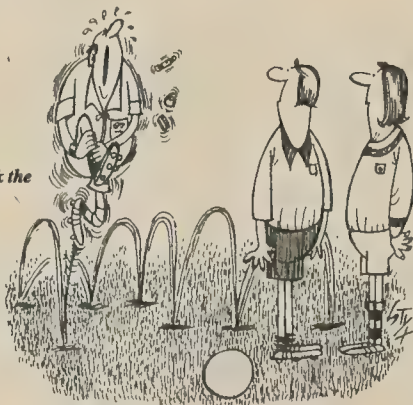
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"When you tried to hold that penalty it scorched your hands."



This week Trevor Christie, who scored a hat-trick for Notts County against Brighton, selects the jokes specially drawn by our cartoonist Styx.



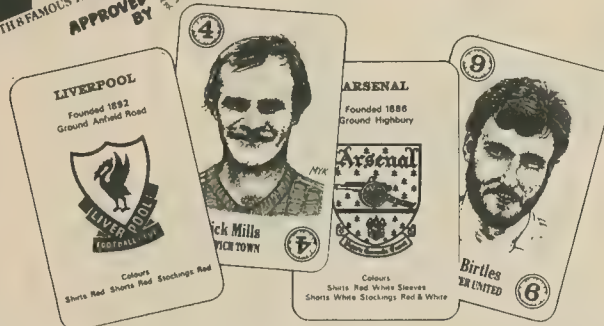
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WHY RANGERS AREN'T CHAMPIONS

Celtic (hoops) took five out of eight points from Rangers this season to boost their Championship challenge.



OKAY I admit it . . . I got it wrong when I said that Rangers would win the Premier Division last August in my debut column for SHOOT.

I said then that Celtic had better enjoy the champagne after winning the title the previous season because the Championship bubbly would be flowing our way come the end of this season.

I was wrong and it hurts, believe me. I had every hope of captaining the side to that coveted League flag, but, alas, I will have to wait another year before I get that honour.

Where did it all fall apart for Rangers? We were always within touching distance of our Parkhead rivals until last month when we lost 2-1 to them, and that defeat meant we had surrendered five out of a possible eight points to Celtic.

Records

That's just not good enough and future records like that will not be tolerated by the manager John Greig or anyone else at Ibrox.

Actually, that game last month summed up our bad luck this season. It will sound like sour grapes, I know, but we murdered Celtic in that encounter.

We were all over them, had twice as many shots at goal, had the best player in Derek Johnstone.

But when the match had finished we were left with nothing to show for our efforts.



Kenny Black has forced his way into the Ibrox reckoning.

A victory for us in that game would have left us with the opportunity of closing the gap.

However, it was not to be, but that match surely demonstrated that we have nothing to fear from our great Parkhead rivals.

All credit to them, they have had a tough season with injuries to key players such as Danny McGrain, Davie Provan, Tommy Burns, Charlie Nicholas and Frank McGarvey.

But I still think Rangers proved they are a better team in that recent meeting at Parkhead and it is up to us to show that form on a more consistent basis next season.

Programme

Leagues are not lost or won on one game, it is the entire programme of 36 that counts and we have not played with consistency.

At the start of the season we were going for four trophies . . . the League title, Scottish Cup, League Cup and the European Cup-Winners' Cup. We are only 90 minutes away from a 50 per cent success rate.

The League has gone and Dukla Prague killed off our European dreams early on, but, of course, we claimed the League Cup by beating Dundee United 2-1 at Hampden and now we face Aberdeen in the Scottish Cup Final in a couple of weeks time.

I am confident we can beat The Dons to retain the Cup which has pride of place in our Ibrox trophy

room at the moment.

Two out of four would be a fair success rate for any other team, but at Rangers we are always aiming at the big one, and that has got to be the League Championship.

It's been four long years since we last won that trophy.

Success in the Cup competitions is all very well and it adds a sense of glamour to the season, but the title will be our priority target in the coming term.

I think we will be better equipped to lift the flag next year. This has been a transitional period for the club and it has been reflected in some of the results.

Young players have been brought into the team and during this period it was sometimes difficult to keep the rhythm going.

Gordon Dalziel, Billy McKay, Billy Davies, Kenny Lyall and Kenny Black are just some of the young players who have been brought in this season and I am certain the experience will have done them no harm at all.

Making way

With some of the older players, such as Tommy McLean and Tom Forsyth, making way and some of the new lads coming in there has been a stutter in the progress.

John McClelland, the Northern Ireland international, arrived at the start of the season from Mansfield, but his hopes suffered a setback when he was injured and had to be counted out for a couple of months.

There was another blow when Gregor Stevens, ordered off against Kilmarnock, was suspended for six months by the S.F.A.

But the club has kept the momentum going and, like I pointed out earlier, we have the opportunity of a 50 per cent success rate.

I will be back in a fortnight when I will be talking about our Scottish Cup Final date against Aberdeen.

Ally Dawson

**TARTAN TALK FROM
CELTIC'S DANNY
McGRAIN NEXT WEEK**

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I'D LIKE TO PLAY FOR ENGLAND BUT IT'S NO GOOD KIDDING MYSELF



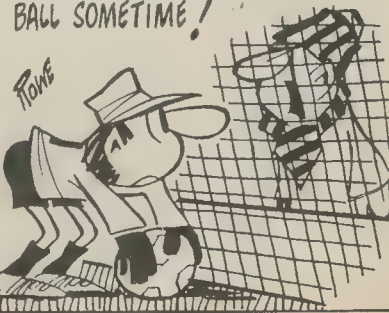
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The Early Years

'Rescued by The Doc'

At 16 I turned down an offer to join West Ham, and it was four years before I played senior football again. I remember the day Charlie Paynter, then Hammers manager, told me that the side I would be playing for held their games on Canvey Island.

At the time I was happy playing for my school and local youth team in North London, and that seemed a long way away.

Who knows what turn my career would have taken if I had accepted. But instead I did my National Service, in Greece, and came home with six weeks to serve.

Our quartermaster fixed some of us up with a game for Newmarket Town in the Eastern Counties

SOCCER MY WAY

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League and as a result I was invited for a trial with Chelmsford. We beat Colchester 2-0 and I was offered terms of £7 a week and £5 a week during the summer.

I played for them for one year then joined Luton Town, my first League club. And it was there that I started going on coaching courses at the end of each season.

My playing career was average. I

DAVE

CONTINUING our series that looks at football from the standpoint of the individuals who spend their professional lives inside the game.

This week we look at the life and working style of a manager, Dave Sexton, whose managerial methods and coaching technique are respected throughout the profession.

Sexton's playing career, ended at 29 through a knee injury, took in Chelmsford City, Luton, West Ham, Orient, Brighton and Crystal Palace.

But it is his record as a coach and manager that has earned Sexton his current position within Ron Greenwood's team as England Under-21 manager as well as boss at Coventry City.

After coaching Chelsea reserves he managed Orient for one year, coached at Fulham for six months and at Arsenal for one and a half years. But when he succeeded Tommy Docherty as manager of Chelsea he reigned for eight seasons, leading them to the F.A.

joined West Ham in 1953, went on to play for Orient in 1956, Brighton in 1957 then signed for Palace in 1959.

My career ended at Palace. I collided with a goalkeeper at Northampton and after four knee operations faced the reality that I would never play as a pro again. That was in 1961 and I had cause to be glad that I had continued my interest in coaching.

The injury meant a new life for me. Luckily I'd met Tommy Docherty on one of those coaching courses and when he offered me the job of coaching Chelsea reserves I jumped at it.

I loved my time at Chelsea but when Orient asked me to become

their manager in 1965 I decided the time had come to move on. That lasted a year and in 1966 I returned to coaching, a six month spell with Fulham.

From there on my career progressed with Arsenal, back to Chelsea as manager, then QPR, Manchester United and, to date, Coventry.

My Greatest Moment

'Avoiding the drop with Fulham'

I have been asked this before and I know my answer left a lot of jaws hanging. But much as I enjoy the memories of winning the 1970 F.A. Cup Final with Chelsea, beating Real Madrid in the Cup-Winners' Cup, finishing First Division runners-up, with Rangers and United and two more Wembley Finals, with Chelsea and United, none of these represent the answer!

No, I have to go all the way back to my six months with Fulham for the achievement that, to this day, is still the one of which I am most proud.

It was season 1965-66 and Fulham had collected only 15 points from 29 First Division games. I remember Kenneth Wolstenholme, then a top TV commentator, telling us every week that we were doomed for the drop. Yet that side contained the likes of Johnny Haynes, Bobby Robson, George Cohen, Graham



Sexton (back row, left)
in his days as a West
Ham player.



SEXTON

Cup, European Cup-Winners' Cup and League Cup runners-up.

Q.P.R. were his next club and he took them to within one point of the First Division Championship before taking over at Manchester United. There, Sexton guided United to an F.A. Cup Final and runners-up in the First Division before taking the reins at Coventry in May, 1981.

Here the usually publicity-shy Sexton talks revealingly about his career and his methods.

Leggatt, Steve Earle and Les Barrett.

Well, in those remaining 13 games we collected 20 points from nine wins and two draws. We stayed up, Blackburn and Northampton went down and I still recall that astonishing run-in at Craven Cottage with a tremendous surge of pride.

My Worst Moment

'Being sacked — twice'

Without hesitation I name the two times I have been sacked as the worst moments in my career.

I cannot describe what it is like when a club for whom you have grafted, bought, sold and planned turns around and shows you the door. In my case I was absolutely gutted — both times.

The fact that Chelsea had fired me did not make being fired by Manchester United any easier to take. But I am not bitter, in either case.

On both occasions I was

fortunate in that another club came in and said they wanted me. That is a marvellous lift when you've been shown the exit. Rangers came in for me when I left Stamford Bridge and Coventry were my saviours when United said "farewell."

But I must stress that unless every aspiring manager accepts this side of the game from the beginning he should stay out of the job.

Look at it logically; the odds are against us all in this job, because there is only one First Division Championship and one F.A. Cup. Assuming nobody wins the 'double' that means 20 First Division managers a season end up empty handed. At some clubs not even League Cup success compensates for the other two competitions!

Just like the players that we drop, replace or sign — if we are not doing the business we have to expect to be replaced. It's harsh but absolutely true.

I regretted that transfer for a long time. Not only was Keith a very good player, but he was also a very nice lad, an asset to any club. He went on to play four times for England. My only regret is that he was not at Chelsea when he won them.

I've made other mistakes in the game, no doubt about it. But if you are talking about the worst, then it's selling Keith Weller.

My Football Philosophy

'Battling for the ball'

I see football encompassing two major themes: getting forward and scoring goals and stopping the opposition. If your team can do both of these jobs to a high degree then they are a good team.

Some teams and some players can get forward, carry the ball, build impressive attacks and upset defences. But they are ultimately

Sexton gives some useful tips to Justin Fashanu during a training session with England Under-21's.



My Biggest Blunder

'Selling Weller'

The day I sold Keith Weller (above) to Leicester City was the day I made my biggest mistake in football.

Ian Hutchinson broke a leg and I needed a strong, busting forward to partner Peter Osgood in Hutch's place. Chris Garland of Bristol City became available and Chelsea told me that I could have the cash to buy him, but had to sell a player to balance the books inside one month.

As the days went by it became obvious that the only player I could sell at that time was Keith. Jimmy Bloomfield, then boss of Leicester, knows a quality player when he sees one and he came in with a firm bid.

unsuccessful because they are not good in the defensive department.

Likewise, a lot of teams and players excel at stopping others from playing. But they are limited because they cannot achieve the same measure of effectiveness going forward.

It is the combination of the two in one team that leads to success and excellence.

I love skill in players. But I believe in teaching players to get the ball back when they've lost it, to work at foiling the opposition and establishing a sound foundation from which they can launch their skills.

If I am watching a youngster for the first time, let's say a lad

spotted by a scout, then I have a list of qualities I look for.

I watch to see if he can kick a ball correctly; has he mobility and pace; can he dribble; has he natural touch; can he read a game. All very important. But above all of these I look for natural, boundless enthusiasm for playing.

An enthusiastic player wants to excel, wants to play and wants to win. He possesses the qualities of a future captain.

Coaching Techniques

'Teaching good habits'

Before I could impart my ideas to players I had to learn about the process of learning itself. There are two stages, conscious learning — when you are aware of what you are being taught and are looking and listening — and sub-conscious, when you are ready to look ahead and use what you have absorbed, adding to that knowledge as you go.

Coaching can mean something different to each individual. I am a better coach today than I was last year, or even last month, and I hope I will be a better coach still in a few months time. Because you never stop learning.

Working with players is not difficult. The vast majority of players want to work, want to improve and want to succeed. It is up to the coach to teach them good habits and make them forget bad habits. The whole process develops from there.

I never hammer home points that I want to make. I work in such

a way that my point gets through as part of the overall work-pattern.

Confidence is very important and so is the fact that some players can be embarrassed.

Even seasoned international players may become self-conscious if they are asked to do something in front of other players that they are not too good at.

The coach has to recognise that this hurdle may be there in the first place and then ease over it.

I work on the basis that footballers love the game and want to pursue a degree of excellence. My pleasure is gained from working with them towards that aim.

Next week: The Coach, Peter Shreeves

On the ball CROSSWORD

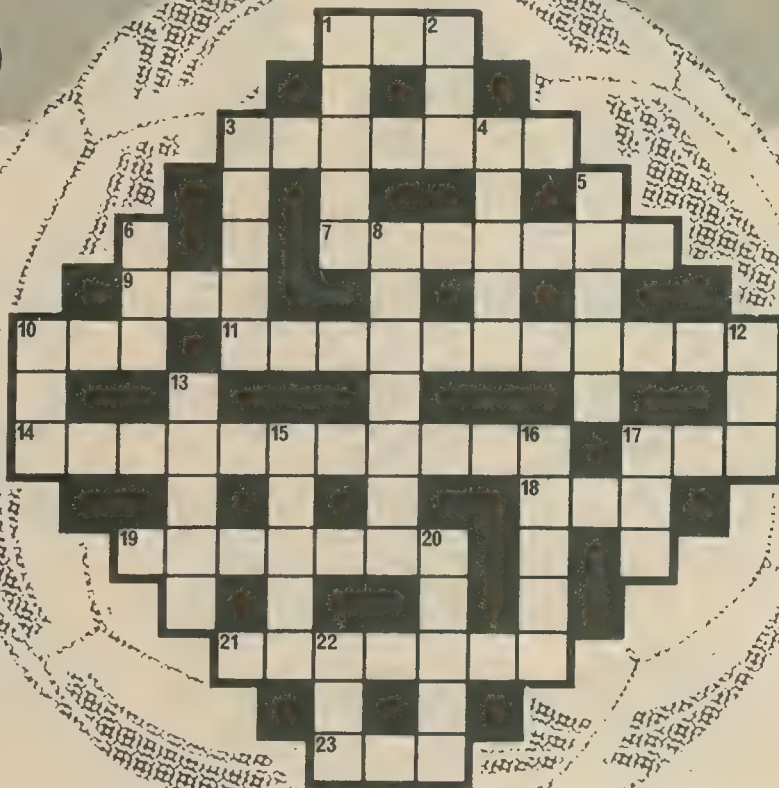
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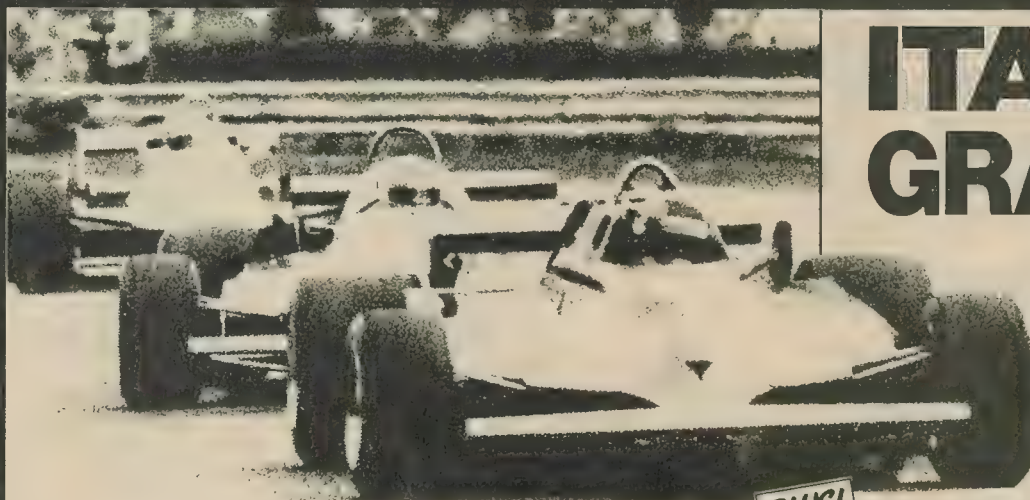
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 (4) Work to get fit. (5)
 (5) Jim —, Middlesbrough keeper. (5)
 (6) — Saunders; Birmingham City manager. (3)
 (8) Dean —, Grimsby Town defender. (7)
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 (16) "At no time" from five letters found in Everton. (5)
 (17) Bobby —, Wolves defender. (3)
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I T'LL take a brave man to bet against Barcelona in the Cup-Winners' Cup Final which will be played in front of 120,000 fans — mainly their own — in the Nou Camp Stadium next week.

The bookmakers quote the Spanish millionaires — the Catalan club has made £3 million profit this season — as odds-on favourites to take the trophy, plus a match bonus of £9,000 a man.

I started to go downhill. Now I think I'm back to my best again."

Carrasco is likely to keep international striker, Moran, out of the side and his partners in attack will be the ever-dangerous Simonsen and 32-year-old Quini who, despite being Spain's undisputed Goal King with over 200 League goals, has never made an impact for the national side.

Midfield could be the key to the match. The absence of Bernd Schuster is still felt and international Victor has been out of action with a fractured toe.

Estella's two-match suspension

(for his antics at White Hart Lane) means Lattek may have to field a makeshift midfield of Esteban, Moratalla, Geredo or Argentina hatchet-man Zuviria.

Standard's key man in midfield is former Dutch international Arie Haan, who has won European medals with both Ajax and Anderlecht.

Both defences are strong. Barcelona's back four of Ramos, Olmo, Alesanco and Manolo is their strongest department.

Standard, in turn, have half of Belgium's defence with right-back Gerets and centre-half Meeuws, so

the game promises to be tight with, perhaps, few goals.

"The return leg against Tottenham was important for us," says Barcelona skipper Olmo.

"We'd previously given away 14 goals in five League games and were playing very nervously.

"But against Tottenham we finally proved to ourselves that we can shut up shop at the back.

"Standard are dangerous on the break, but we now have the confidence to be able to control them.

"I have a feeling that I'm going to be up there collecting the trophy next Wednesday . . ."

'BARCELONA HAVE ALREADY WON THE FINAL'



"But this is terrible for us," says their Danish international striker Allan Simonsen. "It's nice to have the support of more than 100,000 fans, but it creates a lot of pressure when things don't work out.

"We were odds-on favourites to win the League, too, and the only question people were asking was how many points advantage we'd end up with.

"We went to pieces and picked up just one point in nine games and blew our chances. No, I'd prefer us to be the underdogs.

"In any case, Standard are not to be underestimated. They've as good as won their League and have some fine players.

"But I still feel that the real Final was against Tottenham in the Semi-Finals. They were the team who could score goals against us and we were afraid of what their strikers could do.

'Priority'

"That's why our top priority was to close them down in both games. I'll admit I didn't like the way we played against Tottenham, especially the first-leg in London.

"I felt ashamed of the senseless violence. I just hope we'll revert to our more attacking style of play against Standard.

"Obviously this is a question for our manager Udo Lattek, but I hope we'll play some more attractive football."

There was certainly no shortage of entertainment three years ago when Barcelona won the Cup-Winners' Cup with a thrilling 4-3 extra-time victory over Fortuna Dusseldorf.

Oddly, only one member of that team — left winger Carrasco — is likely to be present against Standard.

Carrasco has rediscovered top form after two years in the doldrums.

"That was an unforgettable night for me," he says. "But I have to admit it all went to my head and

claims their Danish striker Allan Simonsen



Standard's Belgian international Eric Gerets is scythed down by Dynamo Tbilisi's Soualakvelidze during the Semi-Final.

HOW THEY REACHED THE FINAL

Barcelona 4, Trakia Plovdiv 1
Trakia Plovdiv 1, Barcelona 0

Floriana 1, Standard 3
Standard 9, Floriana 0

Dukla Prague 1, Barcelona 0
Barcelona 4, Dukla Prague 0

Vasas Budapest 0, Standard 2
Standard 2, Vasas Budapest 0

Loko Leipzig 0, Barcelona 3
Barcelona 1, Loko Leipzig 2

Standard 2, FC Porto 0
FC Porto 2, Standard 2

Spurs 1, Barcelona 1
Barcelona 1, Spurs 0

Dynamo Tbilisi 0, Standard 1
Standard 1, Dynamo Tbilisi 0

P8 W4 D1 L3 F14 A6

P8 W7 D1 L0 F22 A3

VILLA GLORY...



Peter Withe climbs above the Anderlecht defence, but the England striker's effort went just wide.



Gordon Cowans sprints away from Juan Lozano.



You'd be hard pressed to find a more consistent Villa star than Des Bremner this season and he was outstanding in Brussels.

...SPURS

SPURS' long and arduous season finally caught up with them in Barcelona and they didn't quite have enough to beat the Spanish club, who will now face Standard Liege in the Cup-Winners' Cup Final. It's been a memorable season for Spurs, who will still win the F.A. Cup Final later this month.



LIVERPOOL and **Forest** have kept the **European Cup** in England for the last five years . . . now **Aston Villa** can make it six-in-a-row. Unfancied to go this far at the beginning of the season, **Villa** thoroughly deserve their place in the Final against **Bayern Munich** — and here's how they made it, with a disciplined 0-0 draw away to **Anderlecht** in **Brussels**.



It's that European Cup Final feeling! Nine of the Villa heroes celebrate at the end of the game.

SO CLOSE

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Danish striker **Allan Simonsen** scores the goal that sinks **Spurs**.



Argentine **Ricky Villa** had a fine game and here he beats **Jose Moratalla**.

SHOOT!

'MY WORLD CUP FEAR'



A GREAT deal went wrong for Tottenham in our European Cup-Winners' Cup Semi-Final second-leg in Barcelona.

We were denied two blatant penalties, the floodlights mysteriously failed 25 minutes into the match and their goal shouldn't have been scored.

I was pulled down in the area in the fifth minute and Paul Price was sent flying following a corner in the second-half.

The East German referee completely ignored our justifiable spot-kick claims . . . and then allowed Barcelona to get away with some cruel tackling that brought back memories of that disgraceful first-leg at White Hart Lane. Glenn Hoddle, Tony Galvin, Chris Hugh-ton and myself all spent time on the treatment table when we got back home.

There was an element of luck about Barcelona's winner, scored by their Danish international Allan Simonsen one minute after the restart.

Alexanco sent in a long pass from the half way line which Quini sent looping towards our goal with a header. Ray Clemence shouted

Up front with
STEVE ARCHIBALD



Steve challenges Barcelona's Jose Manuel Moratalla (above) while his Spurs team-mate Tony Galvin is sent crashing in the same game (below).



"Away!" but in the noise and confusion behind the goal our defenders thought he'd said "Leave it".

Consequently no one went for the ball and Simonsen nipped in to score.

No blame can be put on Clem, who dived bravely at Carrasco's feet later on to save a certain goal.

I know Ray still blames himself for allowing Barcelona to score at

White Hart Lane. But as the lads have reminded him . . . but for Ray we might not have reached the Semi-Finals in the first place.

Tottenham's troubles even continued after the game. Fog at Luton airport forced our plane to be diverted to the East Midlands. After two attempts to land the flight was switched to Castle Donnington.

We then had to sit and wait for more than an hour for the coach to arrive to take us home.

The long delay gave us even more time to reflect on the disappointment and despair of Barcelona. Spurs felt bitter and cheated.

The team had given everything, tried to play good football, behaved like true sportsmen and refused to be provoked into retaliation, as we were in the first-leg.

It wasn't so much retaliation, but self preservation. If we hadn't looked after ourselves some of us could have been badly injured.

I felt Spurs were the better side over the two legs, especially in Barcelona.

They didn't play like the home team in their magnificent Nou Camp stadium. Instead of looking for goals and making a game of it Barcelona strung a seven-man barricade across the back, hoping to catch us on the break.

Match-winner Simonsen looked sharp and was the only Barcelona player who stood out for me.

It's a shame they were so negative and had to resort to body checking, hacking, and pulling players down.

If Barcelona played the game as it should be played they'd be a great side, but they can't because they are afraid to lose.

I understand reaching the Cup-Winners' Cup Final could be worth £1 million to them.

What worries me is that their style could be a pointer to the World Cup Finals in Spain. I hope not, because I fear for the future of the game if it is.

It's vital this World Cup is all about skill, excitement and goals.

Opportunity

Barcelona have a great opportunity to prove what a fine side they are in the Cup-Winners' Cup Final against Standard Liege, but I doubt it.

Even with home advantage and the support of a huge crowd behind them I fear they will still be physical.

But whatever tactics Barcelona decide on I must take them to win.

The lights might have gone out for Spurs in Spain, but we still have a great deal to play for this season.

We won't give up hope of winning the League until it's proved mathematically impossible, and there's still the F.A. Cup Final.

There are still a lot of games before the Final but there's nothing like Wembley to make the hearts and legs grow stronger.

At least Britain can still find success in Europe this season, thanks to Aston Villa's magnificent Semi-Final performance against Anderlecht.

Bayern Munich will obviously prove formidable opposition in Rotterdam on May 26th, but I honestly believe Villa can win and keep the European Cup in Britain for the sixth successive year.

Steve Archibald

MARGARET Thatcher holds the key to the short-term future of Ipswich striker Mich D'Avray.

Mich — real name Jean Michael — was born in Johannesburg just over 20 years ago but when he arrived at Portman Road in 1977 his first move was to apply to the Government for British citizenship.

This could be granted during the summer, which would pave the way for D'Avray to launch a serious challenge for a regular first team spot rather than rely on the misfortune of team-mates.

As things are at present, D'Avray can only be considered for a place if one of Town's two Dutch midfield stars, Arnold Muhren or Frans Thijssen, is ruled out.

Football League rules state that only two foreign players can be fielded at any one time.

Problems

But if D'Avray is declared British, his problems will be over.

As he says: "When my citizenship comes through it will be a weight off my shoulders. I need first team football."

D'Avray, tall and brave, has a good goalscoring record in the Ipswich reserves and manager Bobby Robson was quick to give him his chance when injury sidelined Thijssen.

The youngster's response was to clinch victory at home to Manchester City with a headed goal after being sent on as a second-half substitute.

Then, just seven days later at Middlesbrough when he started the game, he fired the only goal.

Robson says: "Mich is a marvellous prospect and was like a breath of fresh air when he came

into the side. He played without any hang-ups or complexities and showed a lot of maturity."

Perhaps D'Avray's best game for Ipswich was when he combined so effectively in attack with Alan Brazil, who scored all five Ipswich goals in a resounding 5-2 defeat of the then First Division leaders Southampton.

Brazil was quick to praise D'Avray's contribution. "He murdered Southampton in the air," he said, "and laid on at least three of my goals with brilliant

England I headed for Ipswich. I knew of their reputation for giving youngsters a fair chance."

It was to Italy that manager Robson sent an SOS for D'Avray to return to bolster his injury-ravaged squad. D'Avray had gone there with an Ipswich Under-21 party to compete in an international youth tournament.

He says: "I scored the first two goals to help us win our first game 3-0 and then I was on the plane back to England. I joined the first team at an hotel near Shrewsbury the day before our F.A. Cup-tie there."

D'Avray was named as substitute for the game and with

IPSWICH WANT MAGGIE'S HELP

headers. We really hit it off together in that game."

But the Scottish goal ace adds: "It will take time for Mich to find his feet. I needed about 12 games before I got my confidence and he will be the same. But he should be pleased with what he has achieved so far."

It was former Ipswich midfielder man Colin Viljoen, now with Chelsea, who recommended D'Avray to try his luck at Portman Road rather than Queens Park Rangers where he was due to go on trial.

He spotted D'Avray in a local match and chatted to him afterwards. D'Avray recalls: "I took his advice and when I came to

Ipswich trailing 2-0 to the Second Division side he was sent on towards the end. Immediately Ipswich showed an improvement and D'Avray scored the goal to spark a late revival, although they failed to force a replay.

With England striker Paul Mariner out of action for several weeks after undergoing an Achilles operation, Ipswich looked to D'Avray to fill the gap, because Dutch star Thijssen was also sidelined with a cracked shin bone.

Now he could be heading for a Championship medal that could spark a double celebration... just as soon as his application to become British receives the stamp of approval.

MULTI-NATIONAL GOUGH

SOMEHOW the setting seemed so appropriate. Dundee United's stylish back-four player Richard Gough, who was born in Sweden but has spent most of his life in South Africa, was in Yugoslavia when he was told he had been brought into Scotland's plans!

The 19-year-old versatile star is now included in Jock Stein's international system after getting a recent call-up to the Under-21 squad, but what an amazing route Gough has taken to the top.

He was born in Stockholm. His mother is Swedish while his father Charlie, who played for Charlton in the 60's, is Scottish. When he was three-years-old the Gough family moved to South Africa.

His father, seeing his son's immense potential in soccer, arranged for the player to return to

Scotland two years ago to see if he could make the breakthrough.

The tall, fair-haired Gough recalls: "I was determined to get into big-time football and my dad wanted me to try my luck in Scotland.

"Actually I had a trial with Rangers first. But there seemed to be so many youngsters there at the time and I was overlooked.

Thankfully

"Then I went to Dundee United, and thankfully, manager Jim McLean liked what he saw and signed me immediately.

"I was delighted then, but can you imagine my joy when I was told in Yugoslavia before this season's UEFA Cup-tie against Radnicki Nis that I was in the Scottish Under-21 international squad!

"Honestly, I didn't expect that honour. It was a complete, but pleasant, surprise, I assure you."

Gough, in fact, might have been out of football altogether today rather than looking forward to a glittering career with the Scotland international side.

The player packed his bags four months ago and left Tannadice, vowing never to return. He was going back to South Africa because he was homesick.

"I had a rethink about my future while I was home," says Gough, "and I realised I had acted hastily.

"Dundee United had given me my big opportunity and I had walked out on them. I wanted to get back to Tannadice and, thankfully, manager Jim McLean welcomed the decision.

"Ironically, my decision to leave United coincided with right-back Derek Stark's move to also quit Tannadice. He was going to take up a full-time post with the police force.

"Like me, however, he is still at Tannadice and, hopefully, we can enjoy successful soccer careers."



LINE-UPS...RESULTS...SCORERS...

Saturday, April 10

Second Division

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ROTHERHAM (1) 2 (Seasman, Fern)
GRIMSBY (1) 2 (Whymark, Ford) 10,011
 Rotherham: Mountford, Forrest, Breckin, McEwan, Stanciliffe, Green, Towner, Gow, Fern, Seasman, Gooding (Hughes).
 Grimsby: Batch, Moore (D), Crosby, Waters, Cooper, Crombie, Ford, Kilmore, Whymark (Peacock), Mitchell, Broily.

SHREWSBURY (0) 0
SHEFFIELD WED (1) 1 (Bannister) 8,103
 Shrewsbury: Wardle, Leonard, Johnston, Cross, Blake, MacLaren, Biggins (Gibson), Tong, Atkins, Dungworth, Bates.
 Sheff. Wed: Bolder, Sterland, Blackhall, Smith, Pickering, Taylor, Megson, Shelton, Bannister, Pearson, Curran.

Third Division

BRISTOL ROVERS (1) 1 (Williams (D))
PORTSMOUTH (1) 1 (Rafferty) 4,833

BURNLEY (0) 1 (Hamilton)
LINCOLN (0) 0 10,915

CHESTER (0) 0
NEWPORT (0) 2 (Aldridge 2) 1,451

DONCASTER 0
CHESTERFIELD 0 5,221

EXETER (2) 4 (Kellow 2 (1 pen), Pratt, Rogers (P))
BRISTOL CITY (0) 0 4,580

GILLINGHAM (1) 2 (Bruce, Powell)
FULHAM (0) 0 9,895

HUDDERSFIELD (0) 2 (Cowling, Hotta)
WALSALL (0) 1 (Teasdale) 6,572

PRESTON (0) 0
CARLISLE (1) 1 (Robson) 7,802

READING (0) 0
OXFORD (1) 3 (Jeffrey, Brock 2) 6,926

SWINDON (0) 0
PLYMOUTH (0) 2 (Rogers 2) 4,056

Fourth Division

BRADFORD (2) 5 (Gallagher 2 (1 pen), Cooke, Campbell, McNiven)
HALIFAX (0) 2 (Davison, Graham) 5,179

COLCHESTER (0) 1 (Allinson)
BOURNEMOUTH (2) 2 (Funnell, Crawford) 2,662

HARTLEPOOL (1) 2 (Stimpson, Brown)
STOCKPORT (2) 2 (Stafford, Coyle) 1,506

HEREFORD (0) 1 (Price)
PORT VALE (0) 0 2,973

HULL (0) 1 (McClaren)
DARLINGTON (2) 3 (Booth (og), Stalker, McFadden) 4,589

NORTHAMPTON 0
ALDERSHOT 0 2,365

SCUNTHORPE (0) 1 (Keeley pen)
ROCHDALE (0) 0 1,742

SHEFFIELD UTD (0) 1 (Edwards)
BURY (0) 1 (Madden) 14,705

TORQUAY (0) 1 (Brown)
PETERBOROUGH (1) 2 (Kellock, Gynn) 1,989

TRANMERE (2) 3 (Kerr, Craven, Burgess pen)
BLACKPOOL (0) 1 (Morgan) 1,828

WIGAN (1) 3 (O'Keefe 3 (1 pen))
CREWE (0) 0 6,142

YORK (1) 2 (Walwyn, Ford)
MANSFIELD (1) 1 (Wood) 2,155

Scottish Premier

CELTIC (1) 2 (Crainie, McAdam)
RANGERS (0) 1 (Johnstone) 49,144
 Celtic: Bonner, McGrain, Reid, Aitken, Moyes, MacLeod, Provan, Sullivan, McAdam, Burns, Crainie.
 Rangers: Stewart, Jardine, Dawson, McClelland, Jackson, Bett, Russell, Redford (Dalziel), Johnstone, MacDonald, Cooper.

DUNDEE UTD (2) 4 (Bannon 2, Dodds, Narey)
AIRDRIE (0) 0 5,500
 Dundee Utd: McAlpine, Malpas, Stark, Gough, Hegarty, Narey, Bannon, Holt (Kirkwood), Reilly (Milne), Sturrock, Dodds.
 Airdrie: Martin, Anderson (G), Rodger, Walker (T), March, Anderson (N), Flood (Thompson), McKeown, Walker (C), Gordon, Campbell.

HIBS (0) 0
ABERDEEN (1) 3 (Jarvie, Strachan, McGhee) 8,000
 Hibs: McArthur, Sneddon, Flavell, Brazil, Paterson, McLaren, McNamara (Schaefer), MacLeod, Duncan, Rodier (Reel), Jamieson.
 Aberdeen: Leighton, Mitchell, Rougvi, McMaster, McLeish, Miller, Strachan, Watson (Simpson), McGhee, Jarvie (Black), Weir.

PARTICK (2) 4 (Park, Johnston, Jardine, Watson pen)
MORTON (0) 0 3,500
 Partick: Rough, McKinnon, Anderson, Dunlop, Lapsley, Doyle, Jardine, Watson, Park (Higgins), Johnston, O'Hara (McDonald).
 Morton: Baines, Hayes, Holmes, McLaughlin, Duffy, Rooney, Docherty (Busby), Ring (McNeil), Cochrane, Hutchison, Ritchie.

ST. MIRREN (0) 0
DUNDEE (1) 1 (Kidd) 3,084
 St. Mirren: Thomson, Walker, Abercrombie, Fitzpatrick (McEachran), Fulton, Copland, McDougall, Somner, Stark, McAvennie, Scanlon (Bone).
 Dundee: Geddes, Barr, McLelland, Fraser, Smith, Glennie, Ferguson, McGeachie (Stephen), Kidd (Scrimgeour) Mackie.

Scottish First

AYR (1) 1 (McNally)
FALKIRK (0) 0 1,218

E. STIRLING (0) 0
CLYDEBANK (1) 1 (McCabe) 400

HAMILTON (0) 0
HEARTS (0) 2 (McDonald, Pettigrew) 3,432

MOTHERWELL (0) 1 (Clelland)
DUMBARTON (0) 0 2,742

QUEEN'S PARK (1) 2 (Wood, Nicholson)
DUNFERMLINE (1) 1 (Stewart) 830

RAITH (1) 1 (Harris)
QoS (1) 2 (Alexander 2) 1,200

ST. JOHNSTONE (1) 1 (Brannigan)
KILMARNOCK (0) 3 (Mauchlen, Clarke, Bourke) 2,209

Scottish Second

ALBION (1) 1 (Houston)
STIRLING (0) 0 400

ALLOA (1) 2 (Purdie, Paterson)
MEADOWSBANK (0) 0 722

ARBROATH (0) 0
CLYDE (3) 5 (Masterton 4, Nevin pen) 1,020

BRECHIN (0) 1 (Mackie)
E. FIFE (1) 1 (O'Brien) 450

COWDENBEATH (1) 2 (Russell, Hyslop)
BERWICK (0) 0 468

STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 0
FORFAR (0) 1 (Porter) 200

STRANRAER (1) 2 (Taylor, Dolan)
MONTROSE (0) 0 300

Monday, April 12

First Division

ARSENAL (0) 1 (Hawley)
TOTTENHAM (1) 3 (Hazard, Crooks 2) 48,897
 Arsenal: Wood, Hollins, Sansom, Talbot, O'Leary, Whyte, Meade, Hawley, Nicholas, Robson (McDermott), Rix.
 Tottenham: Clemence, Roberts, Miller, Price, Hazard, Perryman, Villa, Jones, Galvin, Hoddie, Crooks.

ASTON VILLA (0) 3 (Geddis 2, Evans)
BRIGHTON (0) 0 22,731
 Aston Villa: Rimmer, Swain, Williams (Heard), Evans, McNaught, Mortimer, Bremner, Geddis, Withe, Cowans, Morley.
 Brighton: Digweed, Shanks, Nelson, Grealish, Foster, Gating, Stevens, Ritchie, Robinson, McNab (Stille), Thomas.

MANCHESTER UTD (0) 1 (Moran)
WBA (0) 0 38,717

Man. Utd: Bailey, Gidman, Albiston, Wilkins, Moran, McQueen, Robson, McGarvey, Stapleton, Grimes, Coppell.
WBA: Grew, Batson, Statham, King, Wile, Robertson, Zondervan, Brown, Regis, Owen, Mackenzie.

NOTTS COUNTY (1) 1 (Christie)
NOTTM. FOREST (1) 2 (Bowyer, Plummer) 19,403

Notts Co: Avramovic, Benjamin, O'Brien, Goodwin, Hunt, Richards, Chiedoie (McParland), Harkouk, McCulloch, Christie, Mair.
Nottm. Forest: Shilton, Anderson, Gray, Gunn, Young, Bowyer, Roeder, Plummer, Fashanu, Proctor, Robertson.

SUNDERLAND (2) 2 (West 2)
BIRMINGHAM (0) 0 14,821
 Sunderland: Turner, Hinnigan, Munro, Clarke, Cooke, Elliott, Buckley, West, Rowell (Ursem), Pickering, Cumming.
 Birmingham: Wealands, Stevenson, Hawker, Van den Hauwe, Dillon, Scott, MacDowell, Broadhurst, Brocken (Phillips), Curbishley, van Mierlo.

WOLVES (4) 4 (Gray, Clarke, Hibbitt, Eves)
MANCHESTER CITY (0) 1 (McDonald) 14,891
 Wolves: Bradshaw, Palmer, Hollifield, Eves, Pender, Coy, Hibbitt, Carr, Gray, Richards, Clarke.
 Man. City: Corrigan, Ranson, McDonald, Hareide, Bond, Jackson (May), Ryan, Reeves, Francis, Hartford, Kinsey.

Second Division

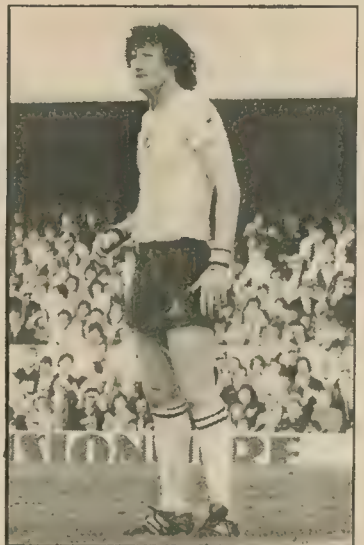
BLACKBURN (0) 0
BOLTON (1) 2 (Thompson 2) 11,912
 Blackburn: Butcher, Branagan, Rathbone, Speight, Keeley, Fazackerley, Miller, Stonehouse, Bell (Burke), Garner, Brotherston.
 Bolton: McDonagh, Whitworth, Bennett, Henry, Jones, Gowling, Chandler, Cantello, Foster, Reid, Thompson.

C. PALACE (0) 0
CHELSEA (1) 1 (Walker) 17,189
 C. Palace: Barron, Lovell, Hinshelwood, Price, Cannon, Gilbert, Giles, Smillie, Brooks, Mabbitt, Hilaire.
 Chelsea: Francis, Locke, Wilkins, Nutton, Chivers, Pates, Britton, Walker (Canoville), Lee, Mayes, Fillary.

DERBY (1) 3 (Skivington, Wilson, Buckley)
ROTHERHAM (0) 1 (Seasman) 14,680
 Derby: Banovic, Barton, Buckley, Skivington, Sheridan, McAlle, George, Attley, Wilson, Swindlehurst, Emson.
 Rotherham: Mountford, Forrest, Breckin, Hughes, Stanciliffe, Green, Towner, Gow, Fern (Alexander), Seasman, McEwan.

LUTON (0) 2 (Stein, Jennings)
NORWICH (0) 0 15,061
 Luton: Findlay, Stephens, Money, Horton, Goodyear, Donaghy, Hill, Stein, White, Fuccillo, Moss (Jennings).
 Norwich: Woods, Haylock (Jack), Downs, McGuire, Walford, Watson, Barham, O'Neill, Deehan, Bertschin, Mendham.

ORIENT 0
CAMBRIDGE 0 3,162
 Orient: Day, Foster, Peach, Fisher, Gray, Margerrison, Godfrey, Taylor, Houchen, Silkman, McNeil.
 Cambridge: Webster, Donaldson, Murray, Smith, Fallon, Streets, Cartwright, Reilly, Gibbins, Finney, Christie.



Aston Villa defender Allan Evans

QPR 0
WATFORD 0 22,091
 QPR: Hucker, Neill, Dawes, Waddock, Hazell, Wicks, Roeder, Flanagan, Allen, Stainrod, Micklewhite.
 Watford: Sherwood, Rice, Rostron, Taylor, Sims, Bolton, Callaghan (Poskett), Blissett, Armstrong, Lohman, Barnes.

SHEFFIELD WED (2) 2 (Shelton, Pearson)
NEWCASTLE (1) 1 (Barton) 29,917
 Sheff. Wed: Bolder, Sterland, Williamson, Smith, Pickering, Taylor, Megson, Shelton, Bannister, Pearson, Curran.
 Newcastle: Carr, Brownlie, Saunders, Trewick, Barton, Carney, Mills, Martin, Varadi, Cartwright, Waddle.

WREXHAM (0) 1 (Carrodus)
SHREWSBURY (0) 0 6,506
 Wrexham: Niedzwiecki, Jones, Bater, Cegielski, Dowman, Ronson, Leman, McNeil, Edwards, Fox, Carrodus.
 Shrewsbury: Wardle, Griffin, Johnson, Cross (McNally), Blake, McLaren, Petts, Gibson, Atkins, Dungworth, Bates.



Clive Walker scored the only goal in Chelsea's win at Crystal Palace.

Third Division

BRISTOL CITY (0) 1 (Bray)
BRISTOL ROVERS (1) 2 (Williams (D), Randall) 10,791

CHESTERFIELD (1) 1 (Bonnyman pen)
BURNLEY (2) 2 (Laws, Dobson) 6,000

LINCOLN (1) 2 (Neale, Cunningham)
HUDDERSFIELD (0) 0 8,203

MILLWALL (1) 1 (Horrix)
SOUTHEND (0) 1 (Phillips) 3,025

NEWPORT (3) 4 (Tynan pen, Vaughan, Johnson, Gwyther)
GILLINGHAM (1) 2 (Price 2) 4,353

OXFORD (1) 3 (Fogg pen, Brock, Thomas)
DONCASTER (0) 1 (Russell) 8,278

PORTSMOUTH (2) 3 (Senior 2, Doyle pen)
READING (0) 0 8,427

WIMBLEDON (1) 1 (Joseph)
BRENTFORD (0) 2 (Hurlock, Roberts) 4,513

Fourth Division

ALDERSHOT (1) 2 (Sanford, McDonald)
HEREFORD (1) 2 (Price, Phillips) 1,748

BURY (0) 1 (Gore)
BRADFORD (0) 1 (Campbell) 5,231

CREWE (0) 1 (Griffiths pen)
TRANMERE (0) 1 (Craven) 2,015

DARLINGTON (1) 5 (McLean, Walsh 4)
HARTLEPOOL (2) 2 (Harding, Clarke) 4,575

HALIFAX (1) 1 (Hendrie)
SHEFFIELD UTD (1) 5 (Kenworthy 2 (1 pen), Charles, Edwards 2) 8,077

PORT VALE (1) 1 (Sproson)
NORTHAMPTON (0) 0 3,012

ROCHDALE (1) 2 (Martinez, Wellings pen)
YORK (0) 0 1,421

LINE-UPS...RESULTS...SCO

STOCKPORT (0) 1 (Williams)
HULL (1) 2 (McLaren, Mutrie)

2,450

WALSALL (0) 0
PRESTON (2) 3 (Elliott, Bruce 2)

3,507

Friday, April 16

Tuesday, April 13

First Division

COVENTRY (1) 1 (Singleton)
EVERTON (0) 0 11,858
Coventry: Sealey, Butterworth, Roberts, Jacobs, Dyson, Gillespie, Whittton, Singleton (Hormantschuk), Hateley, Thompson, Hunt.
Everton: Southall, Borrows, Ratcliffe, Higgins, Lyons, McMahon, Irvine, Heath, Sharp, Ainscow, Ross.

IPSWICH (2) 3 (Brazil, Wark pen, Osman)
WEST HAM (1) 2 (Cross 2) 28,767
Ipswich: Cooper, Burley, McCall, Mills, Osman, Butcher, Wark, Muhren, Mariner, Brazil, Gates.
West Ham: Parkes, Stewart, Allen, Orr, Martin, Devonshire, Van der Elst, Goddard, Cross, Brooking, Neighbour (Cowie).



LEEDS (0) 1 (Parlane)
MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 1 (Shearer) 20,458
Leeds: Lukic, Hird (Butterworth), Gray (F), Thomas, Hart, Burns, Parlane, Graham, Worthington, Connor, Barnes.
Middlesbrough: Platt, Nattrass, Bailey, McAndrew, Baxter, Wood, Bolton, Otto, Hodgson, Shearer, Thomas.

LIVERPOOL (2) 2 (Kennedy, Johnston)
STOKE (0) 0 30,419
Liverpool: Grobbelaar, Neal, Lawrenson, Kennedy, Whelan, Thompson, Dalglish, Lee, Rush, Johnston, Hansen.
Stoke: Fox, Parkin, Hampton, Dodd, Watson, Mc-Aughtrie, McIlroy, O'Callaghan, Chapman, Bracewell, Maguire.

SWANSEA (1) 1 (Curtis)
SOUTHAMPTON (0) 0 23,771
Swansea: Davies, Robinson, Hadziabdic, Irwin, Kennedy, Rajkovic, Curtis, James (R), James (L), Stevenson, Latchford (Stanley).
Southampton: Katalinic, Baker, Holmes, Williams, Nicholl, Whitlock, Keegan, Channon, Cassells, Armstrong, Ball.

Second Division

CHARLTON (2) 2 (Smith, Lansdowne)
CARDIFF (0) 2 (Stevens, Mullen) 4,186
Charlton: Jones, Naylor, Elliott, Mehmet, Smith, Phillips, Ambrose, Walsh, Halés, Lansdowne, Ferns.
Cardiff: Healey, Jones, Polycarpou, Pontin, Micallef, Mullen, Grapes, Henderson, Kitchen, Maddy (Hughes), Stevens.

LEICESTER (1) 2 (Melrose, Lineker)
OLDHAM (1) 1 (Steel) 14,298
Leicester: Wallington, Friar, Leet, Peake, May, O'Neill, Lynx, Lineker, Melrose (Welsh), Wilson, MacDonald.
Oldham: McDonnell, Edwards, Ryan, Keegan, Firm, McDonough, Wyldie, Heaton, Steel, Palmer, Atkinson.

Third Division

CARLISLE (1) 3 (Craig, Bannon, Lee)
CHESTER (0) 0 5,340

FULHAM (2) 2 (Brown 2)
SWINDON (0) 0 6,655

Fourth Division

BOURNEMOUTH (1) 4 (Morgan, Heffernan 2 (1 pen), Impey)
TORQUAY (0) 0 6,398

MANSFIELD (1) 1 (Caldwell)
SCUNTHORPE (0) 1 (Cowling) 2,202

PETERBOROUGH (0) 2 (Smith, Kellock)
COLCHESTER (0) 2 (Allinson, McDonough) 5,402

Wednesday, April 4

First Division

TOTTENHAM (2) 2 (Galvin, Hoddle)
SUNDERLAND (0) 2 (Rowell pen, Pickering) 39,898
Tottenham: Clemence, Roberts, Miller, Price, Hazard, Perryman, Villa, Jones, Galvin (Brooke), Hoddle, Crooks.
Sunderland: Turner, Hinnigan (Ursem), Munro, Hindmarch, Chisholm, Elliott, Buckley, West, Rowell, Pickering, Cummins.

Third Division

PLYMOUTH (0) 2 (Nisbet, Sims)
WIMBLEDON (0) 0 4,748

Scottish Premier

ABERDEEN (0) 4 (Rougvie 2, Strachan, Simpson)
ST MIRREN (0) 1 (Stark)
Aberdeen: Leighton, Rougvie, McMaster, Watson, McLeish, Miller, Strachan, Simpson, McGhee, Cowan, Weir.
St. Mirren: Money, Walker, Fulton, Fitzpatrick, Copland, Abercrombie, Stark, Curran, McEachran, Mc-Avennie, Scanlon.

AIRDRIE (1) 1 (Clark pen)
CELTIC (2) 5 (Aitken, Crainie, McCluskey, Provan, Reid pen) 12,000
Airdrie: Martin, Walker (T), Rodger, Anderson (G), March, Anderson (N), Flood, Clark, Walker (C), Campbell, Gordon.
Celtic: Bonner, McGrain, Reid, Aitken, McAdam, MacLeod, Provan, Sullivan, McCluskey, Crainie, Burns.

DUNDEE (2) 3 (Stephen 2, Ferguson)
RANGERS (1) 1 (MacDonald) 7,975
Dundee: Geddes, Barr, McKinnie, Fraser, Smith, Glennie, Ferguson, Stephen, Sinclair, Kidd, Scrimgeour.
Rangers: Stewart, Jardine, Dawson, McClelland, Jackson, Bett, Cooper, Russell, Johnstone, Redford, MacDonald.

MORTON (0) 2 (Cochrane, Hutchison)
HIBS (0) 1 (Jamieson) 2,500
Morton: Baines, Hayes, Holmes, Rooney, McLaughlin, Duffy, Ring, Docherty, Cochrane, Hutchison, Ritchie.
Hibs: Rae, Sneddon, Schaefer, Brazil, Paterson, McNamara, McClaren, Jamieson, MacLeod, Rae, Duncan.

PARTICK (1) 2 (Jardine, Watson)
DUNDEE UTD (2) 3 (Dodds 3) 2,890
Partick: Rough, McKinnon, Lapsley, Anderson, Dunlop, Watson, Park, Doyle, Johnston, O'Hara, Jardine.
Dundee Utd: McAlpine, Malpas, Stark, Gough, Hegarty, Narey, Bannon, Milne, Kirkwood, Sturrock, Dodds.

Scottish First

AYR (1) 4 (McInally 2, Ward, Ahearn)
MOTHERWELL (0) 3 (Cielland 3) 2,317

CLYDEBANK (1) 1 (Given pen)
HEARTS (3) 5 (Pettigrew 4, Byrne) 960

DUMBARTON (0) 1 (Craig)
QUEEN'S PARK (0) 0 550

QoS (0) 0
DUNFERMLINE (2) 3 (Nichol, Bowie, Jenkins) 370

Scottish Second

CLYDE (1) 1 (Masterton)
BRECHIN (0) 0 1,210

FORFAR (2) 3 (Gallacher, Brash, Allen)
ALBION (0) 1 (Gibson) 860

Fourth Division

STOCKPORT (2) 4 (Phillips 2, Sherlock pen, Park)
YORK (0) 1 (Laverick) 1,938

Saturday, April 17

First Division

ARSENAL (1) 2 (Talbot, Rix)
NOTTM. FOREST (0) 0 21,986
Arsenal: Wood, Hollins, Sansom, Talbot, O'Leary, Whyte, Maede, Hawley, Davis, Robson, Rix.
Nottm. Forest: Shilton, Anderson, Gray (McGovern), Gunn, Young, Bowyer, Roeber, Plummer, Fashanu, Procter, Robertson.

ASTON VILLA (1) 1 (Evans)
MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0 21,098
A. Villa: Rimmer, Swain, Williams, Evans, McNaught, Heard, Blair, Geddis, Withe, Cowans, Morley.
Middlesbrough: Platt, Nattrass, Bailey, McAndrew, Baxter, Wood, Bolton (MacDonald), Otto, Hodgson, Shearer, Thomas.

COVENTRY (1) 1 (Hateley)
WEST HAM (0) 0 13,398
Coventry: Sealey, Thomas, Roberts, Butterworth, Dyson, Gillespie, Whittton (Hormantschuk), Jacobs, Hateley, Thompson, Hunt.
West Ham: Parkes, Stewart, Cowie, Orr, Martin, (Laronde), Devonshire, Van der Elst, Goddard, Cross, Brooking, Pike.

IPSWICH (1) 2 (Mariner, Wark)
STOKE (0) 0 20,309
Ipswich: Cooper, Burley, McCall, Mills, Osman, Butcher, Wark, Muhren, Mariner, Brazil, Gates.
Stoke: Fox, Johnson, Hampton, Dodd, Watson, Biley, McIlroy, O'Callaghan, Chapman, Bracewell, Maguire.

LEEDS (1) 1 (Worthington)
SOUTHAMPTON (3) 3 (Armstrong, Keegan 2) 21,353
Leeds: Lukic, Hird, Gray (E) (Harris), Hamson, Hart, Burns, Parlane, Graham, Worthington, Connor, Barnes.
Southampton: Katalinic, Baker (S), Holmes, Baker (G) (Wallace), Nicholl, Whitlock, Keegan, Channon, Wright, Armstrong, Ball.

LIVERPOOL (0) 1 (Dalglish)
WBA (0) 0 34,286
Liverpool: Grobbelaar, Neil, Lawrenson, Kennedy, Whelan, Thompson, Dalglish, Lee, Rush, Johnston, Hansen.
WBA: Grew, Batson, Statham, Cowdrill, Wile, Robertson (Cross), Bennett, Brown, Regis, King, Mackenzie.

MANCHESTER UTD (0) 2 (Coppell pen, McGarvey)
TOTTENHAM (0) 0 50,724
Man Utd: Bailey, Gidman, Albiston, Wilkins, Moran, McQueen, Robson, McGarvey, Stapleton, Grimes, Coppell.
Tottenham: Clemence, Hughton, Miller (Price), Roberts, Hazard, Perryman, Villa, Archibald, Galvin, Hoddle, Crooks.

NOTTS COUNTY (2) 4 (Christie 3, Goodwin)
BRIGHTON (0) 1 (Robinson) 7,920
Notts Co: Avramovic, Benjamin, O'Brien, Goodwin, Hunt, Richards, Chiedoie, Harkouk (McParland), McCulloch, Christie, Mair.
Brighton: Digweed, Shanks, Nelson, Stevens, Foster, Gating, Case, Ritchie, Robinson, McNab, Smith.

SUNDERLAND (1) 3 (Rowell 2 (1 pen), West)
EVERTON (1) 1 (Irvine) 18,359
Sunderland: Turner, Hinnigan, Munro, Hindmarch, Chisholm, Elliott, Buckley, West, Rowell, Pickering, Cummins.
Everton: Southall, Borrows, Ratcliffe, Higgins, Wright, McMahon, Irvine (Lyons), Heath, Ferguson, Ainscow, Richardson.

SWANSEA (2) 2 (Stanley, Latchford)
MANCHESTER CITY (0) 0 19,212
Swansea: Davies, Hadziabdic, Marustik, Stanley, Kennedy, Rajkovic, Curtis, James (R), James (L), Stevenson, Latchford.
Man. City: Williams, Ranson, McDonald, Reid, Bond, Caton, May (Hareide), Reeves, Francis, Hartford, Kinsey.

WOLVES (0) 1 (Gray)
BIRMINGHAM (0) 1 (Harford) 18,964
Wolves: Bradshaw, Humphrey, Palmer, Eves, Pender, Coy, Hibbitt, Carr, Gray, Richards, Clarke.
Birmingham: Coton, Langan, Hawker, Stevenson, Van den Hauwe, Curbishley (Scott), van Mierlo, Dillon, Harford, Broadhurst, Whatmore.

BIG MATCHES OF THE DAY

Saturday, May 8th

Birmingham v Liverpool

LIVERPOOL have won three and drawn one of their last five League visits to Birmingham, their best spell against the Midlands since first meeting them in 1893. Indeed, it is difficult to realise nowadays that St. Andrews used to be one of Liverpool's least fancied venues and there was a spell between the Wars when they collected only one point from a run of ten visits.

But Liverpool suffered their biggest-ever defeat on this ground — on December 11th, 1954, when Birmingham were on their way to promotion from the Second Division and slammed Liverpool 9-1.

Brighton v Ipswich

HAVING failed to score in their last two visits to Brighton, Ipswich will be looking for a big improvement on Saturday. In 16 League meetings between these two clubs at Brighton, there has only been one draw — 0-0 in 1946-47 when they met in Division Three (South).

Everton v Wolves

WOLVES have failed to score in their last four League games against Everton. Earlier this season they were beaten 3-0 at Molineux and on the face of it they would appear to have little chance of breaking that duck on Saturday at Goodison. Last season they were beaten there 2-0. The only one of their last six League visits to Goodison in which Wolves found the net was two seasons ago when they went to the other extreme and won 3-2.

Boro v Arsenal

IT was only a couple of years ago in the final game of the season that Arsenal were thrashed 5-0 at Middlesbrough, and last season they were again beaten, but only by the odd goal in three. However, Arsenal have not lost more than two League games in a row at Middlesbrough since the 1920's.

Arsenal beat Middlesbrough 1-0 in February and must fancy their chances of completing a double on Saturday.

Nottm. Forest v Swansea

SWANSEA have no liking for the City Ground, having only won there three times in 21 League visits, the last time being in 1938-39.

This will be Swansea's first League visit to the City Ground since that hectic tussle in December, 1956 when they were beaten by the odd goal in seven.

WBA v A. Villa

THIS will be the 57th local derby between these two clubs in the League at West Bromwich and a win for the home side is overdue. Villa have drawn three and won two of their last five visits to this ground and one has to go back to Villa's promotion-winning campaign of 1974-75 to find Albion beating them on their own ground. On that occasion Villa 'keeper Jim Cumbes was credited with one in his own net and Joe Mayo got Albion's winner.

SHOOT: Tell us a little about yourself.

CHIVADZE: I was born on April 8th, 1955, in Tbilisi. After normal school hours I used to go to Sports Hall number 35 for football training and we played matches on Sunday mornings. At 13 I joined the Football School for Youth and stayed with them until I was 18. Then, I signed for Dynamo Tbilisi and made my debut a year later. My first international cap came in January, 1980, and since then I've played more than 20 times for the Soviet Union.

SHOOT: How do you see your role as captain?

CHIVADZE: First, it makes me very proud. A captain must be able to lead others on and off the field. I'm aware that I must be an example at all times — to be both trusting and a trusted friend . . . to show the way when the going gets rough. I see myself, also, as a sort of bridge between the players and the manager.

SHOOT: You haven't lost a game for two years. How does the current team differ from USSR teams of the past?

CHIVADZE: We have more individual talent, skill and understanding of the game. The all-round quality is better. We've had a stable management of Beskov, Ajalkatsi, my Dynamo manager and Lobanovski of Dynamo Kiev. There are six Tbilisi and six Kiev players in the squad and their talents are harmonised by their club managers. Previously our international manager was changed almost from match to match.

SHOOT: Your own club, Tbilisi, has certainly made a big impression in Europe over the past two seasons.

CHIVADZE: Yes, I like to think Soviet football is gaining a reputation for flair through our exploits. We've always had good players in the USSR, but at national level the organisation has been bad. This has all been changed and improved, as I said.

SHOOT: What sort of a manager is Konstantin Beskov?

CHIVADZE: Some of your older readers may remember him from his days with Moscow Dynamo — he played for them in England after the War. His guiding principles are to attack all the time; and not to be worried about giving a goal away. If you want to express attacking qualities you sometimes have to make sacrifices.

SHOOT: It's important to call the national team the USSR, not Russia. Do you have any problem with rivalry or friction between players from the various Soviet republics, like Russia, Georgia or Ukraine?

CHIVADZE: We're an experienced squad and there are no problems. We all speak Russian, as well as our own dialect. In this respect I'm

sure a Great Britain team would be a success because the mixture of nationalities does so well at club level.

SHOOT: We're not so sure about that . . . but you've certainly had some good results lately.

CHIVADZE: Winning 3-0 in Brazil



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USSR



and drawing 1-1 in Argentina on a tour of South America boosted our confidence. They were great results away from home against top-class opposition.

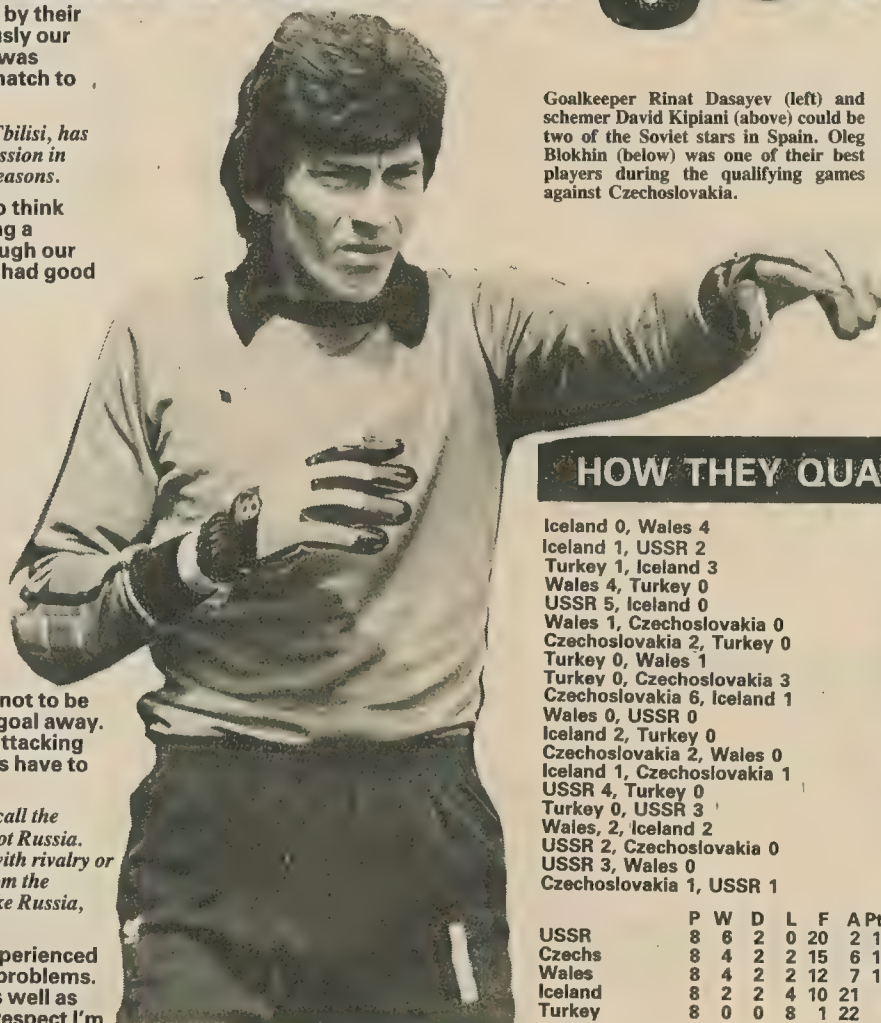
SHOOT: Can you appreciate the professionals of Europe wanting to earn as much money as they can out of football?

CHIVADZE: Yes I can. Good luck to them, but I'm quite happy as I am and I believe you should be loyal to the club that gave you your chance. Personally, I'll always be grateful to Dynamo Tbilisi who taught me the game.

SHOOT: Have you seen much of the three U.K. World Cup Finalists?

CHIVADZE: After playing Wales in Wrexham last May we watched England's game in Switzerland on

Soviets favour Brazil and Argentina



Goalkeeper Rinat Dasayev (left) and schemer David Kipiani (above) could be two of the Soviet stars in Spain. Oleg Blokhin (below) was one of their best players during the qualifying games against Czechoslovakia.

television. We were all very disappointed, but having said that all the Soviet players are happy that England eventually qualified. A World Cup without England, the country that gave us football, just doesn't seem right.

SHOOT: But who's going to win the World Cup?

CHIVADZE: Naturally we'll be preparing properly to do all we can. If you want me to name three countries I'd go for 1 — Brazil 2 — Argentina and 3 — West Germany.

SHOOT: Oleg Blokhin is still the best-known Soviet player in Britain. At

HOW THEY QUALIFIED

Iceland 0, Wales 4
Iceland 1, USSR 2
Turkey 1, Iceland 3
Wales 4, Turkey 0
USSR 5, Iceland 0
Wales 1, Czechoslovakia 0
Czechoslovakia 2, Turkey 0
Turkey 0, Wales 1
Turkey 0, Czechoslovakia 3
Czechoslovakia 6, Iceland 1
Wales 0, USSR 0
Iceland 2, Turkey 0
Czechoslovakia 2, Wales 0
Iceland 1, Czechoslovakia 1
USSR 4, Turkey 0
Turkey 0, USSR 3
Wales, 2, Iceland 2
USSR 2, Czechoslovakia 0
USSR 3, Wales 0
Czechoslovakia 1, USSR 1

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USSR	8	6	2	0	20	2	14
Czechs	8	4	2	2	15	6	10
Wales	8	4	2	2	12	7	10
Iceland	8	2	2	4	10	21	6
Turkey	8	0	0	8	1	22	0



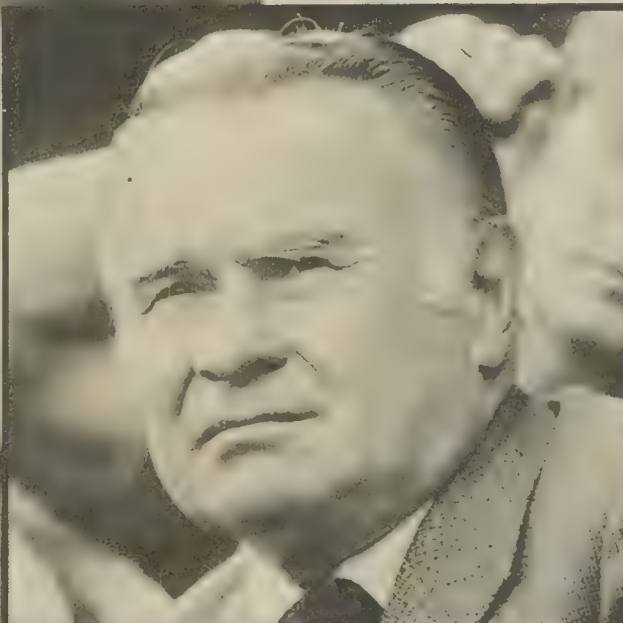


WORLD CUP RECORD

Year	Opponents	Result
1958	England	2-2
	Austria	2-0
	Brazil	0-2
	England	1-0
	Sweden	0-2
1962	Yugoslavia	2-0
	Colombia	4-4
	Uruguay	2-1
	Chile	1-2
1966	North Korea	3-0
	Italy	1-0
	Chile	2-1
	Hungary	2-1
	West Germany	1-2
	Portugal	1-2
1970	Mexico	0-0
	Belgium	4-1
	El Salvador	2-0
	Uruguay	0-1



The USSR could only draw with the Mexican hosts in 1970.



THE MANAGER KONSTANTIN BESKOV

SIXTY-year-old Konstantin Beskov heads a five-man commission responsible for the running of the Soviet national team, alongside Dynamo Tbilisi boss Nodar Ajalkatsi, Dynamo Kiev boss Valeri Lobanovski, SKA Rostok boss Vladimir Fedotov and official coach Gennadi Logofet.

Beskov himself is also manager of Spartak Moscow. He began his playing career with Moscow factory side Hammer & Sickle before joining Moscow Dynamo.

Rated among the best strikers in the USSR, he scored 106 goals for Dynamo before hanging up his boots and embarking on a managerial career involving long spells with Torpedo Moscow, Dynamo Moscow and, more recently, Spartak Moscow.

He masterminded Spartak's promotion to the First Division in 1977; they won the League in 1979 and have nailed down second place since then.

In the meantime he's built the best USSR side for many years.

29 he seems to be playing better than ever.

CHIVADZE: He's an outstanding player. He's very fast, thanks to speed training he had from our double Olympic gold medallist in 1972 Valeri Borzov, who won the 100 and 200 metres. Oleg can stretch a defence all the time and is always dangerous in front of goal.

SHOOT: Oleg was Kiev's best player in their European Cup Semi-Final defeat by Aston Villa.

CHIVADZE: In Kiev he was especially dangerous and I sensed Villa were wary each time Oleg had the ball. He'd be a great asset to any side and he's told me how badly he wants to help the Soviet Union in what could be his last World Cup chance.

SHOOT: Do you prefer 24 to 16 Finalists?

CHIVADZE: No, I preferred it as it was. Too many teams means too many matches and spectators can become bored.

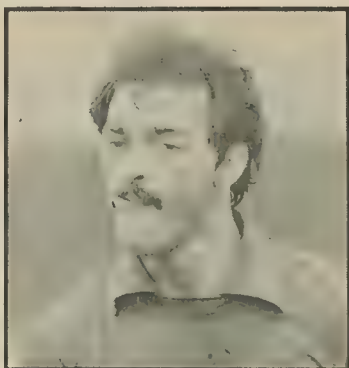
SHOOT: And after Spain . . . ?

CHIVADZE: In the Finals we want to do well for our supporters. We don't want to let them down. I hope to play for as long as possible, but I don't fancy becoming a manager. Too many worries and too many pressures!

NEXT WEEK:
KARL-HEINZ
RUMMENIGGE
West Germany

Dynamo Tbilisi, Cup-Winners' Cup winners last season. Chivadze is second from the left in the back row.





Bruce must go . .

SINCE Ray Clemence's departure from Liverpool his successor, Bruce Grobbelaar, has come in for a lot of criticism. In my opinion it is all justified.

In nearly every Liverpool game one hears of Grobbelaar causing panic among the defenders and quite often giving away a goal.

Liverpool are only challenging for the title because of the excellence of their outfield players. If they replaced Grobbelaar the Championship would be a formality.

IVOR STEVENSON,
CO. LONDONDERRY.

● Now read on . .

Leave Bruce alone

I'M sure I share the feelings of most Liverpool fans who are fed up with the criticism of goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar.

At first he struggled in his efforts to replace the legendary Ray Clemence, but he never gave up and is now a vital member of the team.

His persistence has paid off and dare I say he deserves an award for the 'keeper of the year'?

ANTHONY TIMLIN,
LEEDS.

Rising star

I WOULD like to bring one of England's brightest young prospects to your attention.

His name is Darren Wood and he plays for relegation-haunted Middlesbrough.

Although he has played only a handful of games, Jackie Milburn says he is the best youngster he has seen since Duncan Edwards, while Sunderland boss Alan Durban cannot believe he isn't an England Youth team regular.

If he maintains his progress, I'm sure he can be a star of the 1986 World Cup Finals.

MARTIN ANDERSON,
SUNDERLAND.

● If he's as good as you say, Middlesbrough's policy will probably be to sell him!



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to SHOOT!

This week's Star Letter comes from Tony Goldingay of Streetly, West Midlands, who wins £10. He writes:

THANKS PETER

I recently met Aston Villa and England striker Peter Withe while waiting for treatment at my dentist and would like to take this opportunity to thank a marvellous ambassador for the game.

Obviously, I was quite worried about having four teeth pulled out, but Peter completely put my mind at ease.

I told him I was an Ipswich supporter, and Peter gave me his autograph and promised me a signed poster of the Villa team.

Imagine my delight when a few days later the dentist phoned to say Peter had brought some things for me.

When I collected Peter's parcel, I found a football autographed by all the IPSWICH players, a signed poster of the Ipswich team and an Ipswich shirt!

May I once again say a big thank-you to Peter for all his efforts. He is truly a great sportsman.

● Peter has always been one of soccer's nice guys, and it's good to be able to highlight the better side of soccer.



Pain in Spain

IN your World Cup Captains series, Austria's Hans Krankl stated: "Spain is the ideal country for football. The fans there don't like 'fighting football' and really applaud the ball players."

If this is true, could I ask if Barcelona really is in Spain and, if so, do they really have any fans?

DAVID ASHLEY,
STANMORE.

● I assume you're a Spurs fan.

Thanks Ken

ON behalf of all Chelsea fans I'd like to say thanks to Ken Bates for stepping in with the money needed to save this great club and maybe putting us on the road back to Division One.

VICTOR BUTCHERS,
TENTERDEN.

German grouse

I HOPE that West Germany do not succeed in the World Cup Finals following Jupp Derwall's statement that Hans-Peter Briegel will: "Flatten the opposition in Spain."

The German players have good technique but above all are big, strong and intimidating.

Here's hoping South American magic triumphs.

M. LAWRENCE,
GREENWICH.

● Here's hoping British magic triumphs! But seriously, watch out for young Lothar Matthaus. He will be West Germany's real star in Spain.

SHOOT jinx?

BEING a keen Ipswich supporter as well as an avid SHOOT reader, I used to hope that you would one day sign up an Ipswich star as one of your regular columnists.

But considering the fate of so many of your star columnists, I've now changed my mind!

Justin Fashanu, Gary Shaw and Steve Archibald have all lost their goal touch since signing for SHOOT and even Bryan Robson, who used to be a reliable marksman, has struggled.

Phil Thompson lost the Liverpool captaincy to Graeme Souness while former columnists Andy Gray, Gordon Hill and Clive Allen have all hit rock bottom.

So if you must sign an Ipswich player, sign up goalkeeper Paul Cooper. I don't mind if his 'goal tally' dries up!

DR. YUSUF HANNA,
IRAQ.

● At least Danny McGrain is still Scotland's World Cup captain... touch wood!

World Cup fiasco

I THINK the World Cup Finals will be a disaster — at least three-quarters of the teams in Spain don't have a chance. Only Argentina, Brazil and Spain can realistically expect to win the trophy and there will be only one truly world-class player on show — Diego Maradona.

MICHAEL JAMES,
LONDON N.8.

● You're a real optimist, aren't you?

Poor service

AS A travelling supporter of Sheffield United I have been appalled at the terrible facilities offered to fans by some of the clubs in the Fourth Division.

I feel that there should be an inspection of every ground at the start of each season, and those clubs which don't come up to scratch should be thrown out of the Football League.

ANDREW COOPER,
SHEFFIELD.

● It's ironic that any club hoping to gain access to the Football League has to pass a lengthy list of ground requirements.



Classic Curtis

YOU recently nominated Ray Clemence as Footballer of the Year, but I believe a far better choice would be Swansea's Alan Curtis (above).

Alan has been superb this season and has scored some vital goals during Swansea's debut in the First Division. He is also a consistent performer for Wales and is a much better player than the so-called 'superstars' such as Regis and Stapleton.

MICHAEL KAVANAGH,
SWANSEA.

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SHOOT!

A full-page action photograph of footballer Garth Crooks. He is captured in a dynamic running pose, leaning forward with his arms pumping. He is wearing a white Tottenham Hotspur home jersey with a black V-neck and a black collar, black shorts, and white socks with black stripes at the top. He is wearing black football boots. The background is a blurred crowd of spectators in a stadium. The text 'GARTH CROOKS Tottenham' is overlaid on the left side of the image.

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SHOOT!

'New' Socrates will be Brazil's star

SOME time ago I reported that Brazil skipper Socrates had given up smoking.

"It has taken me 18 months of nagging," said Gilberto Tim, Brazil's trainer, "but I convinced him that he would never be a real athlete if he did not give up."

Now the transformation, plus special training in a short period of three months, has been extraordinary.

Socrates has gained three inches in his chest measurements, two inches on his biceps, two inches on his thighs and seven pounds in weight. He now weighs 13 stone 3lbs, ideal for his height of 6ft, but all this time his waist measurements has remained the same.

"He is much more able to resist physical challenges," says Tim, "and by June his heart and lungs will have adapted to the new physique and his resistance will be even greater."

For his part Socrates has given up the idea of retiring at the age of 32 as was his intention.

Many have forecast that Zico, Junior and Cerezo will be Brazil's stars of the 1982 World Cup, but critics in Rio say the smart money is firmly on Socrates.



On
your
marks

PIERRE LITTBARSKI, West German international right-winger of Cologne, is likely to play in Spain, but quite unlikely to repeat a recent exploit there.

Apparently Franz Beckenbauer told Litlbarski, well-known as a dribbler:

Sportsmanship Argentine style

THERE were bitter scenes in the Talleres dressing-room after the Cordoba side had thrown away a 2-0 advantage and lost 2-4 against Gimnasia de Mendoza in the Argentine National Championship.

Asked for explanations for the defeat, Talleres' midfielder Pedro Gonzalez

replied: "We let them play too much — especially their schemer Fornari. We should have kicked him up in the air a few times to let him know exactly who was boss."

Nothing like a good sporting attitude to the game, is there?

A delegation of Kuwaiti travel agents recently impressed the locals in Bilbao with the size of their wallets! Apparently at the end of their official lunch they each bet £120 on who had the highest number on their plane tickets.

Laurie costs a lotta lolly!

L AURIE Cunningham has almost certainly played his last game for Real Madrid. The Spanish season ended a couple of weeks ago with Real Sociedad winning the Championship and the famous Madrid club booking a place in next season's Cup-Winners' Cup with their Final win over Sporting Gijon.

His future may not be determined until the summer, when Real hold their elections.

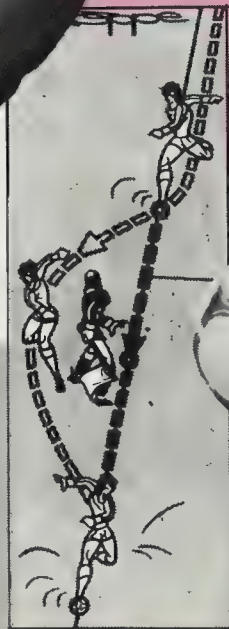
But whoever is elected president will probably try and offload the England winger, who, for one reason or another — mainly untimely injuries — has never really set Madrid alight.

Real will pay dearly for Cunningham if they sell him.

Cunningham's contract doesn't expire until 1984, so there's no pressure on Laurie. Financially he's secure, with a guaranteed income of at least £100,000 before he kicks a ball.

That's how much Real pay him as a signing-on fee each year and should they offload Laurie they will lose a lot of lolly.

Cunningham can claim the £200,000 in signing-on fees for the two years remaining on his contract, and Real must decide whether they can afford to cut their losses.



"The day you go round a linesman I will give you 500 marks (£125)."

Litlbarski did it, having got clear of his marker, by pushing the ball down the line, running off the pitch, round the linesman and back on to the pitch to catch up with the ball!

THE Polish authorities have given the green light to the transfers of international stars Boniek, Zmuda and Mlynarczyk to foreign clubs after the World Cup Finals.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE clubs receive an average of £10,000 from television per season.

The 24 clubs of the National Football (grid iron) League in the USA have reached a new agreement with the television authorities whereby they each get £8 million per season — which is 16 matches.

The American soccer clubs receive just a pittance from TV, but they're just glad of any exposure they can get.

WORLD WIDE



Compiled by CHRIS DAVIES

JUVENTUS goalkeeper Dino Zoff has played his 533rd Division One game in Italy, overtaking the tally of AC Milan 'keeper Enrico Albertosi on 532.

But the all-time record is still perhaps beyond his reach.

Zoff, 40, has signed a new contract to play with Juve for next season, but needs more than one full year to beat the record of Silvano Piola . . . 566 Division One games in the 30's, when he played for Bologna and helped Italy win the 1938 World Cup.

Scots disadvantage

RUSSIA'S national team manager Konstantin Beskov was among the many thousands of fans who was bitterly disappointed by the Brazil v West Germany game, but he still insists that the Brazilians will qualify from World Cup Group Six — alongside Russia, of course.

"I quite liked Scotland when I saw them play Spain in Valencia, even though they lost, and I've got a great deal of respect for them."

"So much so that I'm fairly convinced that this group will be decided on the number of goals each team can put past New Zealand."

"And in this respect, Brazil and ourselves have the advantage of playing them after Scotland and knowing exactly how many goals we must score."

Shades of 1974?

'I'll smash your face in'



I'VE already mentioned the transfer of wayward Argentine winger Rene Houseman (above) from Huracan to Chilean Champions Colo Colo for £125,000.

Houseman's notoriety arrived in Santiago before he did, and the first thing Colo Colo boss Pedro Garcia said to his new signing was: "If you don't produce the goods for Colo Colo, I'm going to smash your face in."

I wish people wouldn't beat about the bush!

TIPS-BLADET, a Danish football weekly, has offered a prize of £5,000 to the top scorer in the Danish First Division just started — if he gets 25 goals or more. Last season's top scorer (1981), did it . . . Allan Hansen of Odense NK hit 28 and got an extra prize — a professional contract with Hamburger SV.

RICKY Hill's reaction to compliments about his stylish midfield football is, invariably, a shy, sheepish grin that makes him a look-alike for madcap OTT comedian Lenny Henry.

But you'll never catch Luton Town's midfield star going 'Over The Top'. Either on the field or off it.

Nobody at Luton can ever remember him, even after the roughest treatment, do anything but pick himself up, dust himself down and calmly start all over again with the business of setting up goal chances.

And after the match, you won't find Hill mixing it with the

"I'm confident, too, that we'll go up as Champions. And that's only right — because we are the best footballing side in the Second Division."

And will First Division football present Hill with the right kind of stage to show his international potential?

"I suppose it will," he says, "because we don't see too many England scouts down at Luton at the moment, despite how well we've done over the last few seasons."

"But, of course, I'd certainly love to play in the full England side one day. That's every player's dream."

"Some people have been nice enough to say that Ron Greenwood could do worse than consider me for his World Cup party this summer, but you hear that about lots of players and, anyway, I think it's too late for me this year."

"I can wait, though. I have got plenty of time and I'd be so proud if an England chance came along."

Ricky, who has a flat in Cricklewood, North London, just around the corner from his parents' home, had a false start to

Ricky Hill won't go Over The Top

sponsors and others in the Kenilworth Road hospitality suite. More likely, he'll be having a quiet game of snooker with a pal, watched by his pretty fiancée, in an otherwise deserted players' lounge.

Luton boss David Pleat isn't normally the sort of manager to go OTT, either. Yet he says of Ricky: "He's got so much ability, he wouldn't have looked out of place alongside Pele on the Copacabana beaches in Rio."



Luton manager David Pleat (left) appreciates Ricky Hill's contribution to Luton's successful season.



his England Under-21 career last month.

He was picked for the first-leg of the European Championship match against Poland in Warsaw but was then pulled out when Luton, playing a crucial game against Barnsley on the same night, found themselves plagued by injuries.

Hill says: "I won't pretend I wasn't disappointed, but I understood the manager's point of view. He was sorry to let me down, but he's got his job to do and that means putting Luton's best interests first."

Calibre

As Pleat told him, Hill's chance is sure to come again. A player of his calibre will certainly prove himself to be a marvellous international prospect.

Now with Division One beckoning, new doors will open for Hill. You can bet, though, that when he walks through he'll be looking for a snooker table and an opponent rather than a bar and a back-slapper.

"I'm absolutely amazed, and at the same time pleased, that none of the big clubs have come in for him. If he was with one of the top London sides, I'm certain that by now he would be a full England regular."

What baffles Pleat most, though, is Hill's apparently impeccable conduct.

"It's a bit worrying, really," he says, "We can't find anything wrong with him! He's never been a moment's trouble here. No problem at all. He's just an exceptionally nice person — and an exceptionally good footballer."

Pin him in a corner, and Ricky Hill might offer a few words about himself. Like: "Nothing is more pleasing to me than just playing for Luton — except playing for them in the First Division. And that will happen next season."

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2. Rearrange the jumbled letters to find the name of the player who skipped Manchester United to their historic European

Cup Final triumph in 1968 ... YBOBBANCTRLHO.

3. This First Division manager scored the only goal of the 1972 F.A. Cup Final against Arsenal at Wembley. He is now their manager ... who is he?

4. Tommy Docherty began his managerial career in charge of Chelsea. Right or wrong?

...AND PRESENT

STRIKERS

1. From which club was Keith Cassells signed by Southampton?

2. Brighton's Mick Robinson is an international player for which country?

3. Is it true that Liverpool's former England striker David Johnson was signed by the Anfield club from rivals Everton?

4. Kevin Reeves of Manchester City has played for two other League clubs ... can you name them?

5. Swansea City's Bob Latchford (right) began his League career with Blackpool, Bolton Wanderers or Birmingham City?

TRUE OR FALSE?

1. Exeter City and Newcastle United play their home games at grounds called St James' Park.

2. Charlie George's one England appearance was against Northern Ireland in September, 1976. The game finished 1-1.

3. Peterborough United have won the Fourth Division Championship on two occasions — in 1960-61 and 1973-74.

4. Bobby Robson replaced Bill McGarry as manager of Ipswich Town in January, 1969.

5. Nottingham Forest midfielder Jurgen Roeder is an East German player.

SPOT THE CLUBS

1. Luton Town's David Moss played 230 League games, scoring 60 goals for which club before joining the Kenilworth Road outfit?

2. Asa Hartford of Manchester City and Scotland has played for three other League clubs ... can you name them?

3. Which First Division club play their home games at the Goldstone Ground?

4. Eamonn Bannon is playing in the Scottish Premier Division with which club?

5. George Armstrong's 500 League appearances is a record for which famous club?

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1. Former Newcastle, West Ham and Sunderland striker Bryan Robson, now playing for Third Division Carlisle United, scored his 200th, 250th or 300th League goal while hitting a hat-trick against Exeter City recently?

2. Can you name the West Ham player who previously played for Tottenham and Norwich City?

3. Peter Fox is a goalkeeper with which First Division club?

4. Liverpool defender Alan Hansen began his career in Scotland with which Scottish Premier Division club?

5. Which two clubs was winger Tony Morley (above) with before joining Aston Villa?

ANSWERS:

STRIKERS: 1. Oxford United. 2. Republic of Ireland. 3. No — he came from Ipswich Town. 4. Bournemouth and Norwich City. 5. Birmingham.
TRUE OR FALSE: 1. True. 2. False — it was against Liff. 3. True. 4. True. 5. False — he's a West German international.
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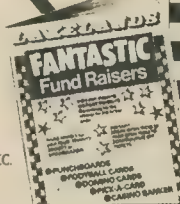
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AS my first season as Britain's costliest player draws to an end, I've awarded myself seven out of ten for the way things have gone for me over the past nine months.

I'm disappointed I don't have a Championship medal to celebrate 1981/82, especially as at one stage United were probably best placed of all to lift the title.

A UEFA Cup spot would ensure the season wasn't a total failure. Our fans, rightly, had high expectations and we haven't quite come up to them.

In our defence I can point out that we have five players who weren't in the team last season: John Gidman, Remi Moses, Frank Stapleton, myself and Kevin Moran, who hadn't established himself at centre-half in 1980/81.

It takes time to work up the sort of understanding needed to win the Championship and we must prove to our supporters that we can do this next season.

From a personal point of view I've had better seasons, notably 1979/80 when West Brom finished third.

I was being talked about as an England regular of the not too distant future and if I've become that, I could still have done slightly better for United this season.

Experienced

I've been happy with the defensive part of my game, and of course another season means I'm more experienced.

However, my goalscoring has been well below my par, which is usually double figures or certainly nudging them.

A player's peak years are probably when he's 26-29, so I'm going to be looking for four really exceptional years starting soon.

People expect a lot from Britain's most expensive player. My tag doesn't weigh heavily on my shoulders. At first it might have done, but not now.

There's no way in which I, myself, can repay the fee United paid to West Brom. The only way it can be done through the team if we win a series of honours over the next few years.

I'm proud to be the country's costliest player and I hope my record is never beaten. I'm not on an ego trip. I happen to believe that such fees are not really good for the game and I want to see soccer financially stable.

I think managers and directors have realised that spending hundreds of thousands of pounds on players isn't necessarily the right step and there simply isn't that sort of money around now.

The only drawback of being a £1.7 million star is that some folk think I'm a millionaire. I noticed it recently when I took my family to a fair and there were people standing around who thought I should be paying for them, too!

'SEVEN OUT OF TEN FOR MY SEASON'

My fan mail has increased ten times since I became a United player and I could attend a dinner or function every night of the week if I liked.

I restrict myself to one, maybe two, per week and I enjoy meeting supporters and different people.

Manchester United, I learned very quickly, is a special club. When I was with West Brom there used to be no reaction when I was introduced to people, but you can see their faces light up when my name is followed by "of Manchester United".

I hope we can give our fans European football again and we'll be going for three points when we travel down to West Ham this Saturday.

The Hammers have had a steady season after winning promotion and there's no doubt they've added more steel to their game over the past year or so.

It should be a great game.

Bryan Robson



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"Remi Moses (above) is one of five newcomers to the Manchester United side this season."

SHOOT recently featured some of the youngsters who've burst on to the English League scene this season. Now we turn the spotlight on

SCOTLAND'S

SUPER KIDS

TEN months ago Aberdeen youngster **NEALE COOPER** was looking forward to another lengthy stint in the reserves.

Today he is an established member of the first team, is described by Franz Beckenbauer as "world class potential," and is a mainstay in Scotland's Under-21 side.

"Everything has happened so quickly, but I'm keeping my feet firmly on the ground," he says.

"Soccer is littered with young players who have made a great start but, for some reason or other, haven't quite made it."

That, surely will not happen to this talented 19-year-old.

Franz Beckenbauer, a member of Aberdeen's UEFA Cup conquerors Hamburger SV, remembers: "He always seemed to have a lot of time and room to work in, and that is always the sign of a good player."

Renowned

Champions-elect Celtic have always been renowned for their seemingly endless stream of talented young players.

But one man who has arrived on the scene virtually unheralded is 20-year-old left-back **MARK REID**.

Boss Billy McNeill says: "Mark is a thorough professional who gets better with every game."

"Recently I handed him the job of penalty taker and, as usual, he has done an extremely confident and competent job."

Across Glasgow at nearby Ibrox, Rangers fans still remember the Old Firm debut of young **GORDON DALZIEL**.

Ibrox manager John Greig placed the 20-year-old into the front-line this season against Celtic at Parkhead and the young striker scored one and made the other two Rangers goals in a rous-

Neale Cooper, the latest young talent at Aberdeen.



Rangers striker Gordon Dalziel (above) shows a turn of speed against Hibernian defender Bobby Flavell this season.

Mark Reid (below), Celtic's promising young full-back who could be the new Danny McGrain.



ing 3-3 draw.

"It was breathtaking," admits Dalziel. "I'm told it was one of the best Old Firm games for years."

Rangers have been slammed in recent years for not encouraging youth at Ibrox, but manager Greig has proved the critics wrong this season by introducing Dalziel, Kenny Black, Kenny Lyall, Billy McKay, Billy Davies, Dougie Robertson and Dave McPherson.

"Age doesn't matter, it's talent that counts," he says. "And I'm glad to say that we have some of the best youngsters in Scotland at Ibrox at the moment."

But while Rangers plan for yet another Scottish Cup Final, poor Partick Thistle can only prepare for relegation from the Premier Division.

It's never easy under such circumstances to blood youngsters,

but promising striker **MAURICE JOHNSTON** has emerged as one of the few successes at Firhill in recent weeks.

"I thought a first team place would be beyond me this season," admits the flame-haired forward.

"But manager Peter Cormack thought I had what it takes to lead the attack and I hope I haven't let him down."

"Everyone has gone out of their way to help me. I may have scored a few goals — I only wish it was more — but the lads have set some of them up on a plate."

Johnston — known simply as 'Mo' to his colleagues — has teamed up with another youngster, **GEORGE CLARK**, to provide an exciting double-act.

Praise

All the above-mentioned newcomers deserve great praise for their efforts to brighten up the Scottish scene this season.

But perhaps the award for the most dedicated youngster should go to St. Mirren striker **FRANK McAVENNIE**.

A clash of heads with Dundee United's David Narey during the Scottish Cup Quarter-Final meeting resulted in a fractured skull for the youngster.

Experts predicted a lengthy lay-off for McAvennie, but amazingly he was back in time to take on Aberdeen in the Semi-Final!

Saints manager Ricky McFarlane says: "He just refused to be counted out."

"We didn't want to rush him, of course, and took all the medical advice, but once Frank was given the go-ahead there was nothing we could do to stop him from getting right into the thick of the action once again."

"I'm convinced this young lad has a great future in the game."



In a playing career with Notts County which started eight years ago, London-born Pedro Richards has risen from Division Three to the top flight.

Yet while the performances of club colleagues such as Iain McCulloch, Don Masson and Ray O'Brien have regularly made the headlines, he has remained a relatively unknown figure on the national scene.



PROUD PEDRO

wherever I play him he can adapt successfully to the job.

"When he first came to Meadow Lane he was a midfielder. He has never lost the instinct for attack, even though we have converted him first to a full-back and now to a central defender. He even played as a sweeper for a while last season when we won promotion.

"Such all round ability is vital for my club which, unlike the big city clubs, cannot afford to splash out huge fees for players."

Another to recognise the virtues of these qualities was Jock Stein. He has enquired whether Pedro is eligible to represent Scotland. In fact, Richards, despite the nickname Pedro, was born in Edmonton, North London and christened Peter.

His accent, reminiscent of the character Manuel from the TV programme 'Fawlty Towers' indicates his dual nationality — Pedro is qualified to play for either Spain or England.

How does Pedro assess the difference between Second and First Division football?

'Confidence'

"At first I felt uncertain, facing fresh tactics and the undoubted skills of many First Division players. Gradually however, I gained in confidence and now feel very much a part of the game at this level.

"One thing that helped us when we arrived back before the start of the season for the first days of training was a letter from a supporter which was published in a local newspaper. He attacked the club and predicted our immediate return to the Second Division.

"We stuck the letter on the dressing room door. I'm sure that in the back of all the players' minds lies the desire to prove that guy wrong."

But Pedro hopes the future will change all that. "I accept that my chances of playing international football may have been influenced by the fact that our club is regarded as unfashionable by many commentators," he says.

"Don't get me wrong. I love Notts County, and everyone at Meadow Lane has been brilliant to me throughout my career, but the exposure we have on television and in the Press is minimal compared with Liverpool, Manchester United and Spurs."

One man who appreciates how valuable Pedro is to Notts County is his manager Jimmy Sirrel.

"Pedro has coped very well with the challenge of First Division football," declares Sirrel. "He has been our best player for the last few months and after some early teething troubles he has settled to the pace of the top flight.

"He has a quick brain and can see situations arising early. He also has the ability to change the pattern of the game by good ball distribution.

"Pedro is so determined and well balanced in the tackle that he rarely loses possession.

"The most valuable thing about Pedro's play is his versatility. I have complete confidence that

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YOUR BEST EVER ALL TIME XI: Banks, Cohen, England, Moore, Cooper, Giles, Souness, Best, Law, Dalglish, Greaves
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: 1981 League Cup Final replay v West Ham. We won in my second game for Liverpool
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Not going to the World Cup Finals with Wales

FRIENDLIEST AWAY FANS: All of them are friendly
BEST STADIUM PLAYED IN: Wembley
FAVOURITE FOOD AND DRINK: Steak and chips, lager shandy

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES . . .
DISLIKES: Music and winning . . . Losing and traffic jams
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BEST FILM SEEN RECENTLY: 'Escape To Victory'
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Not The Nine O'Clock News
FAVOURITE ACTIVITY ON DAY OFF: Relaxing and a game of snooker
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Cliff Sear, Chester's youth team manager. He helped me to work on my weaknesses before I got into Chester's first team. My dad is always ready to help me too.
SUPERSTITIONS: None.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Welsh schoolboy, U-15, U-18, Youth, U-21 and full caps
PERSONAL AMBITION: To become a regular with Liverpool and win the League
IF NOT A PLAYER, WHAT JOB WOULD YOU DO? Don't know
CAREER AFTER PLAYING: Haven't thought too much about it yet
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Bjorn Borg



Frank Stapleton and Clive Lloyd both display their talents at Old Trafford — but not at the same time!

